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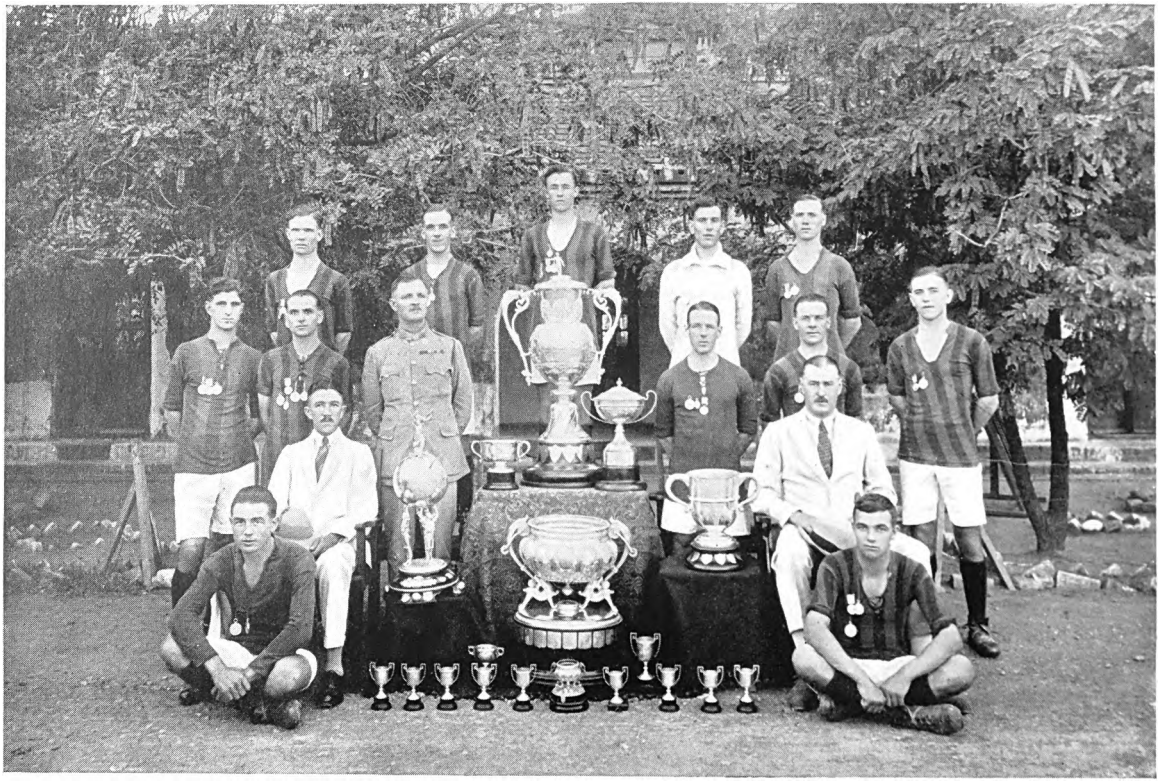

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Lieut. and Adjt. R. J. WILKINS (The Simla Cup) (Lahore Trades Cup) (The Durand Cup) Lt.-Col. R. S. POPHAM, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commanding Officer)

Front row—Pte. WHITTLE (The Murree Brewery Cup) Pte. EDGE

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A BATTLE-HONOUR CLAIM

OUR readers will remember that in the last issue of our *Regimental Annual* we published the correspondence which had passed between the three Colonels concerned and the Army Council, relative to the claim put forward for the dates " 1808–1814 " to be added to the Honour " Peninsula," in recognition of the fact that the three regiments making the claim were the only ones in the Peninsular Army which served continuously throughout the war in Spain and Portugal, from the original landing in 1808 to the peace of 1814.

One of the reasons given for the rejection of our claim was that " variation of approved Battle Honours would open the door to so many controversies with possibly such far-reaching effect that the Council have decided that they cannot be considered."

Since the momentous, and for us disappointing, decision was announced, the seventh volume of the *History of the Queen's Royal Regiment* has been published, dealing with the years between 1904 and 1918; and, in view of the Army Council decision given in our case, it is curious to notice that this volume of the Queen's history records *two* instances where " variations of approved Battle Honours " were sanctioned, and in each case *with the addition of actual dates*— exactly, in fact, what the Colonels of the Prince of Wales' Volunteers, the Sherwood Foresters and the King's Royal Rifle Corps asked for !

Thus in Army Order No. 208 of 1907 the Queens were permitted to add the date " 1839 " to their already " approved "

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and existing Battle Honour of "Ghaznee," while again in Army Order No. 208 of 1914 their "approved" Battle Honours of "Afghanistan" and "Pekin" were granted the "variation" of the dates "1839" in the one case and of "1860" in the other!

It is thus clear that there is abundant and recent precedent for the grant of the claim we put forward, and that in effect the decision come to in our case is actually a reversal of that made in favour of the Queens in 1907 and 1914.

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II

BADAJOZ—THE STORMING OF THE CASTLE

BY kind permission of Col. C. de W. Crookshank, M.P., we are enabled to include in this number of our *Annual* a reproduction of a contemporary drawing of the escalade of the Castle, about which something was said in our issue of 1924. This was one of a series of sketches of battles and sieges which was brought out by an enterprising firm in the early days of the last century, based upon accounts given by men who had arrived in England from the Peninsular War, and who had themselves been actors in and eye-witnesses of the scenes depicted.

The following account of the storming of the Castle of Badajoz by the Third Division, in which the 45th Regiment was then serving, is taken from Robinson's *Life of General Sir Thomas Picton*, pp. 84 *et seq.*

" In order that a correct idea may be formed of the intended operations, the memorandum issued by the Commander of the Forces is here inserted.

" 1. The fort of Badajoz is to be attacked at ten o'clock this night—the 6th April, 1812.

" 2. The attack must be made on three points : the Castle, the face of the bastion of La Trinidad, and the flank of the bastion of Santa Maria.

" 3. The attack of the Castle is to be by escalade ; that of the two bastions by the storm of the breaches.

" 4. The troops for the storm of the Castle, consisting of the Third Division of Infantry, should move out from the right of the first parallel at a little before ten o'clock, but not to attack till ten o'clock.

" 5. They should cross the river Rivillas below the broken bridge over that river, and attack that part of the Castle which is on the right, looking from the trenches, and in the

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rear of the great battery constructed by the enemy to fire on the bastion of La Trinidad.

"6. Having arrived within the Castle and having secured the possession of it, parties must be sent to the left along the rampart to fall on the rear of those defending the great breach in the bastion of La Trinidad, and to communicate with the right of the attack on that bastion.

"7. The troops for this attack must have all the long ladders in the Engineers' park, and six of the length of the Engineers' ladders. They must be attended by twelve carpenters with axes and by six miners with crow-bars, etc.

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"We have been informed from many sources that, according to the original plan of attack, the Third Division was only to have made a feint against the Castle; as in consequence of Lord Wellington doubting the practicability of a successful escalade, he had abandoned the idea of any serious attempt in that quarter; but upon the representations and arguments of General Picton it was afterwards determined that *his* division should make the attempt. This determination decided the fate of Badajoz. . . .

"The number of troops directed to storm Badajoz amounted to about 19,000 men, and never were troops in better heart or condition—but one spirit seemed to pervade them, anyone who had seen the bearing of the men when drawn up in preparation for the attack could scarcely have doubted the result. The night was dark and damp; a cold vapour hung round the town, partly composed of the dense smoke which had been left by the day's firing hanging heavily in the still air. But this stillness was not to last long. Near the appointed time, while the men were waiting with increased anxiety, Picton with his staff came up. The troops fell in; all were in a moment silent until the general, in his calm and impressive manner, addressed a few words to each regiment.

"The signal was not yet given, but the enemy, by means of lighted carcases, discovered the position of Picton's soldiers; to delay longer would only have been to expose his men unnecessarily; he therefore gave the word to advance. The regiments composing the Third Division upon this occasion

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"Arrived in the ditch, the leading engineer, Lieutenant McCarthy of the 50th Regiment, who had volunteered for this service, found that the ladders had been laid upon the paling of the ditch. This brave officer, finding that the palings had not yet been removed, and that they formed a considerable barrier to the advance of the men, cried out, 'Down with the palings!' and immediately applying his own hands to effect this, with the assistance of a few others, he succeeded in forcing them down. Through this gap rushed Picton followed by his men; but so thick was the fire upon this point that death seemed inevitable. For a moment the soldiers were paralysed and wavered; but the voice of their general was heard above the din, and they again moved over dead and dying, bearing the ponderous ladders on their shoulders, crowding to raise them against the walls; but the fire was so tremendous that this forlorn hope was all but exterminated.

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" It is said that each soldier on the walls had six muskets, which he fired in turn as they were loaded by others ; at the same time vast fragments of stone, like rocks, which had been kept poised upon the walls, were pitched down upon the assailants, crushing them in a frightful manner ; whilst hand-grenades, shells and guns loaded to the muzzle with grape and case-shot all burst forth at once. The incessant flashes threw a terrible glare over the scene ; and the men could be seen running to and fro in the ditch, some pressing forward with the ladders, others endeavouring to raise them and many falling in the act ; quickly, however, was their place again filled up. They then strove to rest them against the ramparts ; but the defenders—prepared for every attempt—had long poles shod with iron, with which they forced them back, while those on the wall, pointing their muskets down on each side, swept off all who endeavoured to mount.

" At length, however, the assailants succeeded in erecting three ladders, but the rush of men and the fire of the enemy made each one break, when those who had succeeded in mounting them were thrown upon the bayonets of their friends below, where they met with a horrid and lingering death.

" One of the first to make the daring ascent was Lieutenant Macpherson of the 45th, closely followed by Sir Edward Pakenham. He arrived unharmed to within a few rounds of the top when he discovered that the ladder was about three feet too short. Still undaunted he called loudly to those below to raise it more perpendicularly ; and while he with great exertion pushed it from the wall at the top, the men with a loud cheer brought it nearer at the base ; but this was done so suddenly that Macpherson was even with the parapet before he could prepare for defence, and he saw a French soldier deliberately point his musket against his body, and without having the least power to strike it aside, the man fired. The ball struck one of the Spanish silver buttons on his waistcoat, which it broke in half ; this changed its deadly direction and made it glance off, not, however, before it had broken two ribs, the fractured part of one being pressed in upon his lungs so as almost to stop respiration. Still he did not fall, but continued to hold on by the upper round of the

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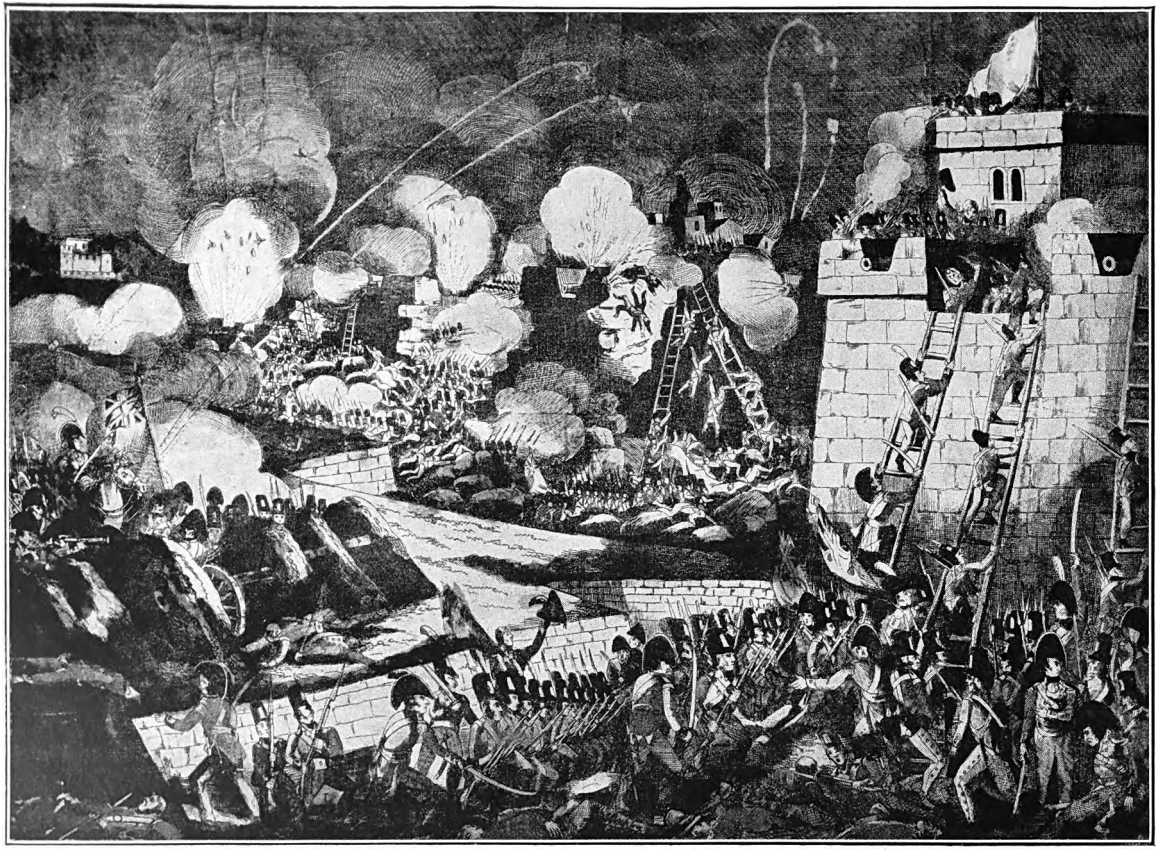

THE STORMING OF THE CASTLE OF BADAJOZ

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ladder, conscious that he was wounded, but ignorant to what extent. He could not, however, advance. Pakenham strove to pass him, but in the effort was also severely wounded. Almost at the same moment the ladder broke; destruction seemed inevitable for a *chevaux de frise* of bayonets was beneath. . . . Macpherson contrived, by getting to the back of the ladder to descend to the ditch in safety, where he lay for a short time insensible. When reason returned he found himself attended by two of his men, one supporting his head upon his knees, and the other holding a cup of chocolate to his lips; the shots were ploughing up the ground in every direction around them, but unmoved and unhurt they continued their friendly occupation.

"Macpherson made a violent effort to rise, during which the bone, which had been pressing on his lungs was forced from its place and he obtained instant relief. He rose and again mounted a ladder; but the walls were now gained and he therefore directed his steps towards the tower on which he had in the morning seen the French flag waving in proud defiance; his object was to gain it. But all was now confusion and slaughter; the enemy continued to defend every tenable post, and they were being bayoneted by the infuriated soldiers without mercy. . . . Macpherson was rewarded upon reaching the top of the tower by finding the French flag still floating in the breeze. He instantly tore it down, when, for lack of anything else, he took off his red jacket and hoisted it on the staff as an honourable substitute for the British flag."

In the meantime "hundreds had fallen and every moment added to the carnage. Still there was no pause, not a soldier thought of retreat, for wild feelings of revenge now led them on with sanguinary fury—every shot that struck a comrade to the earth filled the survivors with deadlier rage.

"A ball had struck Picton on the groin a little above his watch, whilst leading his soldiers to the foot of the ramparts. . . . He did not fall or bleed, but being assisted to the glacis, in a short time became extremely faint and almost insensible. He remained in this state for nearly twenty minutes, when the pain having in some degree subsided, refusing medical aid, he again proceeded to direct the attack. He now saw his men moving amidst the dying and dead, while the incessant

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fire was still mowing them down ; he could also perceive that they had not yet struck a blow in return, for during this period the defenders had scarcely lost a man. . . . Fresh ladders were raised against another part of the battlements, and hundreds rushed forward to scale them, when the struggle again commenced : this part of the wall was not quite so high. . . .

" Then for the first time during the night did the tide turn ~~in~~ favour of the assailants. A continued rush of troops now followed up the ladders. The enemy made but a slight resistance when the wall was gained. The conquest had cost the victors much, but the defenders paid a dear and bloody price for the injury which they had done. From men so infuriated with the disappointment of repeated failure little mercy could be expected ; few, very few of those who had assisted in raising the pile of dead that now nearly filled the ditch, were left to boast of their deeds."

In an account of the escalade which was written by the Lieut. McCarthy above mentioned, he states,* " That it was a man of the 45th who was first of the Third Division to enter Badajoz, and Col. Dalbiac tells us† that the name of this hero was Corpl. Kelly.

To General Picton, Lord Wellington said that " the Third Division had saved his honour and gained him Badajoz."

Lieut. Macpherson called on the 7th on General Picton and gave him the French flag he had taken on the previous day, but the General would not accept it, hoping that it might do him more service in a higher quarter. " No," said he, " take it to Lord Wellington and show him what the Third Division can do."

Macpherson, however, was still a subaltern when the Peninsular War ended, and his prospects of advancement seemed so poor that he was seriously thinking of leaving the Army. But one day, walking along Pall Mall, he saw General Picton coming in his direction, accompanied by several officers of high rank, so Macpherson prepared to pass by unnoticed. Picton, however, as he passed seized him by the

* *Regimental Annual for* 1909, p. 25.
† Dalbiac's *History of the 45th Regiment*, p. 98.

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arm and exclaimed, " Damn it, sir, are you going to cut me ? " The subaltern was taken somewhat aback, but bowed and replied, " No, sir ; any officer who served under Sir Thomas Picton would be proud in the honour of being recognised by him. But I thought you might have forgotten me."

" Forgotten you," repeated Picton. " No, no, sir, I have not forgotten you." He then insisted on Macpherson coming home with him when an application for a company was at once made out, and on this eliciting the usual official reply that there was " at present no vacancy," General Picton called upon the Duke of York, the Commander-in-Chief, with the result that *within a week* Macpherson was gazetted a captain !

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III

ONE OF "OURS"

I WONDER how many of us who, passing out of Westminster Abbey by the west door, and going on down Victoria Street, on "their lawful occasions," have ever noticed the Westminster School Crimean and Indian Mutiny Memorial which stands there facing the entrance to Dean's Yard: and have stopped to read upon it the name of an officer of "Ours"—that of Capt. Frederick Henry Dymock, 95th Regiment.

This officer met his death during the Crimean War, but as he was not at the time serving with the Regiment, the manner of his death is not recorded in much detail in the regimental digest, while "the 95th in the Crimea"—No. 1 of "the Derbyshire Campaign Series" merely says of him as follows:

"This officer was employed on the staff of Colonel Simmons, afterwards Field-Marshal Sir Lintorn Simmons, under Omer Pasha, with whom he also served before Sebastopol. Captain Dymock was killed at the passage of the Ingour River on the 13th December,* 1855."

Some details of the services of this officer can now be traced from the correspondence of Field-Marshal Lord Raglan, himself also a Westminster schoolboy, whose name appears on the above-mentioned memorial, and it is thought that those now serving, and who in the future may serve in Capt. Dymock's old Regiment, may like to hear how he met his death, and how highly he was thought of by those with and under whom he served.

Born in January, 1835, son of the Rev. T. F. Dymock, he went to Westminster School in October, 1846, leaving again when just under fourteen, too young to have attained to any special prominence either in school work or at games. Dymock

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THE LATE LIEUT. FREDERICK HENRY DYMOCK

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was gazetted ensign without purchase in the 95th Regiment from the Royal Military College on the 21st September, 1852, and must have joined at Portsmouth, thereafter serving with the Regiment at Chatham and Weedon. He was promoted lieutenant on the 6th June, 1854, and became a captain by purchase on the 25th May, 1855.

The 95th Regiment, as we know, did not embark for the East until the 6th April, but Lieut. Dymock must have preceded the Regiment, for in a letter from Lord Raglan dated "near Scutari, 28th May, 1854," to Col. Simmons, employed since March with the Turkish General, Omer Pasha, he says, "I send to you Captain Fearon, an officer on half-pay, and Lieutenant Dymock. The former, the son of the late General Fearon, has the reputation of much talent. Mr. Dymock seems a nice, modest, intelligent youth."

Dymock was related to Col. Simmons, afterwards Field-Marshal Sir Lintorn Simmons, and it was no doubt owing to the good offices of the Colonel that the services of the subaltern were placed at his disposal. Col. Simmons was at this date at Shumla, and on the 1st June he replied to Lord Raglan, announcing that "Captain Fearon and Lieutenant Dymock arrived here last evening."

Col. Simmons, writing from a place called Koshereni, on the Jalomitza River, on the 17th August, describes a reconnaissance which had been made on the 14th, when the advance guard of eighty Turkish cavalry, under the command of a Major O'Reilly, "moved on and charged. The Cossacks stood until the space between the two lines did not exceed three horses' lengths when they turned and fled, Major O'Reilly following them with his squadron through the town. . . . Lieutenant Dymock, who has been of great use in this reconnaissance, accompanied Major O'Reilly in his charge and through the town. . . ." Of Dymock's behaviour in this charge it was said after his death, "Once on the Danube, Sir Stephen Lakeman, no mean soldier, had pointed him out when he rode at the head of some ill-equipped Bashi-bazouks right up to the lance-points of double their number of Russian cavalry, whom he routed completely, as a proof of what a British officer could do."*

* Colborn's *United Service Magazine*, Vol. 1856, Pt. 2, p. 328.

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When the Russians attacked Eupatoria, in February, 1855, Dymock was one of the British officers attached to the Turkish garrison as an assistant engineer; his gallant soldier-servant, Pte. Charles Newby, was also present, and of him the records of the 95th state that he was the only private soldier of the British Army who was there, and, donning his red tunic and seizing his rifle, he went down to the ramparts and fought alongside the Turks.*

Col. Simmons was now informed that he was to be allowed a subaltern officer as aide-de-camp, and on the 23rd March he wrote to Lords Clarendon and Raglan saying, "I trust that as Lieutenant Dymock of the 95th Regiment has been attached to me for a period of eleven months, during which time I have had every reason to be satisfied with his conduct and services, he be allowed to remain with me as A.D.C.; he is now well acquainted with the Turkish authorities and with their military system." This request was accordingly granted.

Omer Pasha, the commander of the Turkish forces operating with those of Great Britain, France and Sardinia, was very anxious later in this year to march his troops against the Russians then engaged in besieging Kars, and cut their communications, so forcing them to retire and raise the siege. This plan was for long opposed by the other allied commanders, and it was not until over a month after the fall of Sebastopol that Omer Pasha was able to advance in Asia Minor, on the 30th October finding the Russians in position in the further bank of the Ingour River.

Some days passed before the Turks were ready to attack, and on the 6th November the advance commenced and an attempt was made to force the passage of the river at a ford. The writer in the *United Service Magazine* already quoted, says, "Omer Pasha, who was in the thick of the fire, now began to despair of passing at that point, and, turning to Colonel Simmons, requested him to try for another ford higher up the stream. That officer, accompanied by his

* There were two Newbys, brothers, in the 95th at this time, William and Charles; the former was mentioned in divisional orders for gallantry at the Alma, and was killed at Inkerman. Charles Newby survived the campaign.

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aide-de-camp, Captain Dymock, accordingly managed to pass the river unperceived at another point. The passage was, however, difficult and dangerous . . . upon making their report to Omer Pasha, Colonel Simmons received orders to lead a thousand men, including three companies of rifles, to attack the Russian flank by that route. The Rifles, who were formed by Colonel Ballard in the Danubian campaign and are the élite of the Turkish Army, first crossed the river under Captain Dymock, who posted them some five hundred yards in advance. Colonel Simmons then crossed with his infantry and moved on to support the Rifles. . . . The Rifles raised the old shout of 'Allah,' and in one minute were fairly within the Russian lines, Colonel Simmons, Captain Dymock and Hedaiot, their Polish interpreter, at their head. The Russians, though broken by the surprise, rallied and advanced in column five hundred strong, covered by their artillery and with drums beating. When the head of their column emerged from the wood in which they had reformed, Colonel Simmons, Captain Dymock and the Pole, hastily collecting a few Turks, charged, while the other Turks poured in a heavy volley from the flanks. The Russians, after one volley, fled through the forest where night made pursuit impossible. . . . Just as the column broke Dymock was seen struggling to free himself from his horse, which had been shot under him, and in that position he received his death wound."

Another account* says that Col. Simmons' party was charged by a Russian column who were met by a heavy fire. At this moment a second column attacked them in flank, and Col. Simmons, collecting a few men, turned to meet them, leaving Dymock and Hedaiot to charge through the first column into the battery. In the brief but hot struggle which ensued, in which the Turks lost about fifty men in killed and wounded, Capt. Dymock's horse was shot under him whilst he was gallantly cheering them on; and at almost the same moment a ball struck him in the chest and wounded him mortally."

On the next day "before the army broke up from the battle-field, Captain Dymock was buried within the batteries he had

* Oliphant, *The Trans-Caucasian Campaign under Omer Pasha*, p. 111.

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contributed so much by his courage to win. Omer Pasha sent all his aides-de-camp to attend his funeral, and only desisted from going himself in fear that his feelings, as he himself told Colonel Simmons, should be too strong for him. When the last volleys pealed over the young soldier "—he was not yet twenty-one—" there were wet eyes seen even among the Turks, who are usually ashamed of showing the slightest emotion upon any such occasion."

In Omer Pasha's despatch on this action he wrote: " Le Capitaine Dymock, qui avait fait preuve de la plus grande intrépédité, fut malheureusement frappé à mort sur le champ de bataille "; while the following is a copy of a letter he wrote to Capt. Dymock's mother, and in this, if the French leaves perhaps something to be desired, there can be no question of the very real regret and sympathy felt by the writer:

" MADAME,

" Vous me pardonnerez la liberté qui je prends en vous écrivant ces peu de lignes de condolence sur la perte que vous avez subi dans votre brave et bon fils le Capitaine Dymock, qui vient d'être tué au combat du passage de l'Ingur le 6 de ce mois.

" Comme votre fils à accompagné mon quartier général pendant une année et demie j'ai eu bien d'occasions de juger de ses merites comme officier toujours intelligent, toujours prêt à faire ses devoirs et d'un courage et sangfroid admirables. J'ai su aussi connaître ses qualités privates par lesquelles il a bien soutenu la caractère d'un *gentleman anglais*, et a gagné le respecte de mon armée et m'a fait tout regreter sa perte.

" La seul consolation qui je puis vous offrir dans votre douleur c'est de vous faire savoir ses mérites et de vous sachiez que la mort qui lui est arrivée est la mort d'un brave soldat, mourant pour sa patrie dans une cause juste, et que c'est mort que chaque soldat doit desirer ayant arrivée au moment d'un victoire à laquelle sa bravour a si hautement contribuée.

" Acceptez, Madame, ma très haute considération.

" Le généralissime de l'Armée Ottoman.

" OMER.

" Le Quartier Général sur le Triva, Mingrélie, le 19 Novembre."

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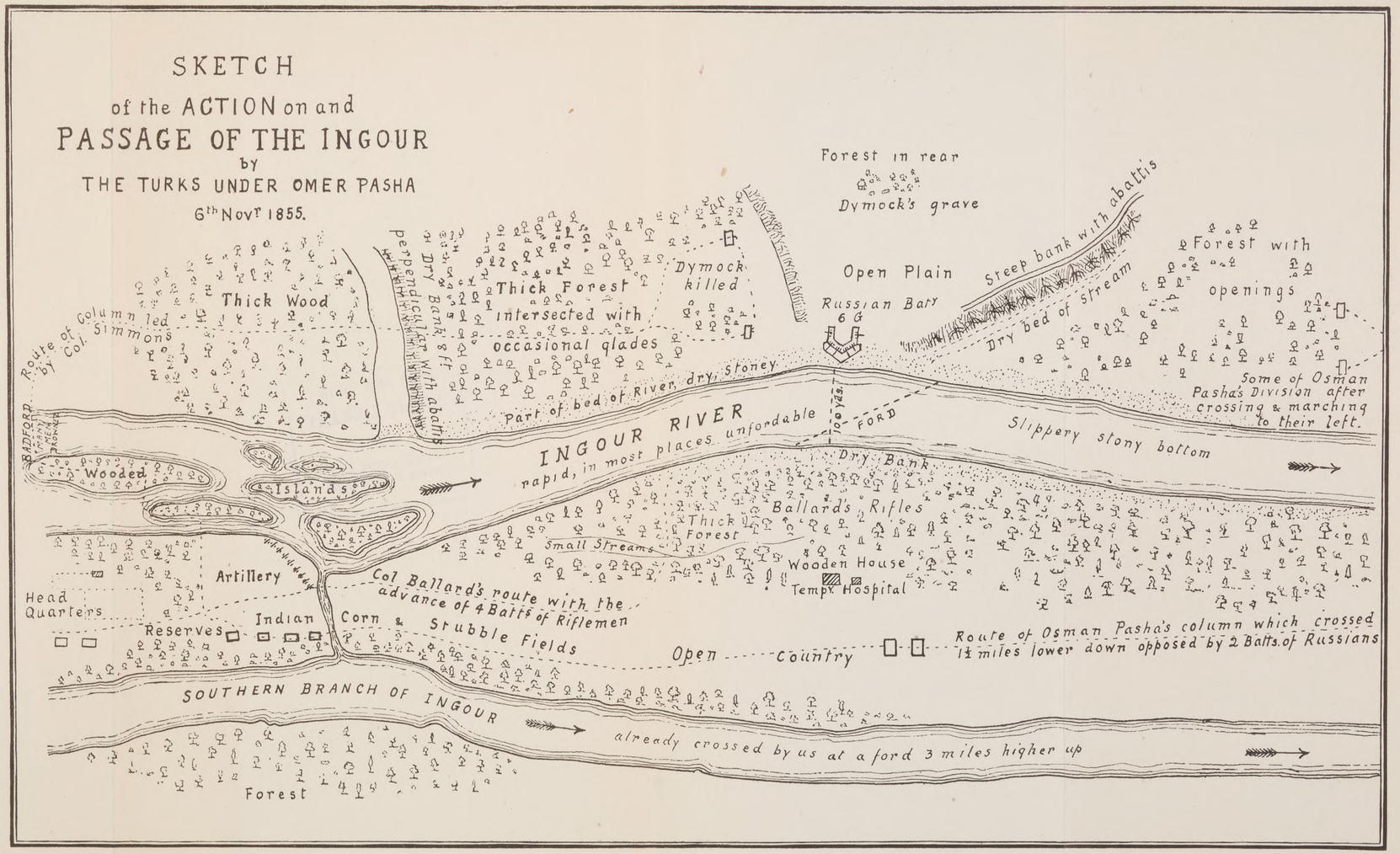
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of the ACTION on and
PASSAGE OF THE INGOUR
by
THE TURKS UNDER OMER PASHA
6th Novr 1855.
Forest in rear
Dymock's grave
Open Plain
Russian Batt 6 G
Steep bank with abattis
Dry bed of stream
Forest with openings
Some of Osman Pasha's Division after crossing & marching to their left.
Thick Wood
Route of Column led by Col. Simmons
Perpendicular Dry Bank 8 ft with abattis
Thick Forest intersected with occasional glades
Dymock killed
Part of bed of River, dry, stoney
INGOUR RIVER
rapid, in most places unfordable
100 yds
FORD
Slippery stony bottom
Dry Bank
Wooded Islands
Thick Forest
Small Streams
Ballard's Rifles
Wooden House
Temp. Hospital
Artillery
Head Quarters
Reserves
Indian Corn & Stubble Fields
Col Ballard's route with the advance of 4 Batts of Riflemen
Open Country
Route of Osman Pasha's column which crossed 1½ miles lower down opposed by 2 Batts of Russians
SOUTHERN BRANCH OF INGOUR
already crossed by us at a ford 3 miles higher up
Forest

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In a despatch to Lord Raglan describing the action and dated, "Camp Shangwano, 7th November, 1855," Col. Simmons wrote as follows:

"At the moment that the Russians attempted to break through our line, I grieve to say that my aide-de-camp, Captain Dymock, 95th Regiment, having first had his horse killed under him, was wounded close by my side, encouraging the Turkish troops. He died soon afterwards. His death is to be deplored, as Her Majesty has lost in him the services of a most promising and brave young officer for whom His Highness Omer Pasha has frequently expressed to me his high esteem. This young officer had accompanied me from the commencement of the war in Turkey."

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1ST BATTALION NOTES

THE writer of these Notes in last year's *Annual* stated, when referring to our move to Ballykinlar, that " we still possess the faculty of adapting ourselves to any conditions." We don't know how he knew—but he was right. We are now adapted, and so must prepare to move elsewhere. This adaption has been greatly aided by the power of adoption exhibited by Miss Sandes, whose Soldiers' Home is much appreciated by everybody here, with the possible exception of the P.R.I., whose enthusiasm is tempered by the receding rebates from N.A.A.F.I. Bills.

Imagine a jumbled mass of unlined Army huts set in wind-swept sand-dunes, and enclosed in rusted barbed wire walls, the outward and visible signs of an ex-prison camp, ten miles from the nearest appreciable town (Newcastle), and five miles from the station (Tullymurry)—such is Ballykinlar.

But there is a brighter side to the picture. Miss Sandes' Home has already been mentioned, recreation grounds are good, though our successors will find them better than we found them. Then there is the sea. An exceptionally fine summer has lured many a budding Channel swimmer to the fine stretch of sands but a few hundred yards from camp. The married quarters, at first regarded as a bad joke, have turned out to be better than their occupants would have had us believe when we first arrived. Married quarters for the Officers, stated to be non-existent, have been found, the main centre being Newcastle, which calls for motor transport to and from Camp. The fleet of private motors required is headed by a 1912 Ford, which can now almost be classed as a Battalion mascot.

The 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry share our woes

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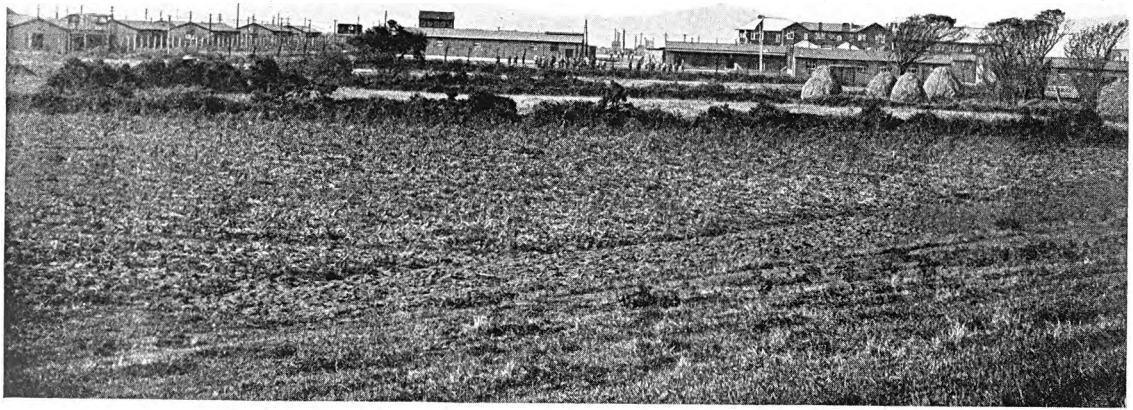

VIEW OF BALLYKINLAR CAMP, SHOWING DUNDRUM CASTLE IN BACKGROUND

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and cheer us with their excellent concert party, producing teams of every description well worthy of our steel.

The training facilities at Ballykinlar, with the exception of an excellent open range at our very door, are poor. Company Training and the first half of Battalion Training had either to be carried out on the featureless sand-dunes or on a few fields near barracks. In the latter case the time of the Officers was mostly devoted to arguments with the local farmers on the subject of damage to crops and fences. The second half of Battalion Training was conducted from a camp at Churchtown near the base of the Strangford Loch. The first night in camp was spent in a thunderstorm, which blew down most of the larger tents and flooded out the smaller ones—apart from this all went well. In August the companies did a three-days' march, two selecting camp sites in the Mourne Mountains, two in the parks of local squires.

There followed two hard weeks of Brigade Training in Bohill Camp. On arrival, after three days' march and two nights spent in bivouac, the advance party assured us that the view from our mountain site was magnificent. This we were able to confirm three days later when the mists cleared. The Battalion was loaded with compliments on the interior economy of the Camp, largely the result of the efforts and enthusiasm of the Quartermaster, Lieut. Cuckson, and the backing he received from his staff. Lieut. Cuckson has only lately become Quartermaster, but he needs no introduction in these Notes.

Since leaving Blackdown we have received 221 recruits, who have done credit to our Regimental Depot. We have parted with two drafts to the 2nd Battalion, one in January of 146 and one in October of 128. We hope that these have done credit to us.

Badajoz Day was celebrated as usual by the Trooping of the Colour, which Major-General Cameron, G.O.C., Northern Ireland District, and many local residents, attended. A most successful Ball was given by the Sergeants' Mess the same night.

We must not forget to record the fine performance of Lce.-Corpl. S. Frost, who, whilst on a P.T. Course at Aldershot, won the Army High Diving Championship.

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And now for Londonderry. We move on or about January 21st, A Company going to Inniskillen on detachment. The conditions at Londonderry will be almost the exact reverse of the conditions here. The barracks are of the Aldershot type, they are on the borders of a large town, we will be the only unit in the garrison, the recreation grounds are poor, field training and musketry must be carried out some miles from barracks.

We cannot close these Notes without reference to the loss sustained by the Regiment by the death of Bt.-Major R. B. Young in the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, on March 19th. His services are recorded elsewhere. He was about to take over the duties of Battalion Adjutant when he died. Our sympathy is extended to the wife and children he leaves behind him.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS, OCTOBER, 1925

Lt.-Col. K. C. Weldon, D.S.O. Commanding.
Major E. L. Bowring, D.S.O., O.B.E. Second-in-Command.
,, A. A. Fenn, D.S.O. O.C. D Company.
,, C. S. Crofton. O.C. H.Q. Wing.
Capt. J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E. O.C. A Company.
,, R. B. Tower, M.C. O.C. C Company.
,, H. L. B. Mills. O.C. B Company.
,, J. D'A. Whicher. D Company.
Bt.-Major C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C. B Company.
Capt. W. M. Robinson. Adjutant.
Lieut. R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C. A Company.
,, C. A. Gamble. B Company.
,, F. W. Woodward, O.B.E. H.Q., N.I.D.
,, E. J. H. Bowler. C Company.
,, S. Gregory. Transport Officer.
,, T. Mason. D Company.
,, J. K. L. Roberts. C Company.
,, H. F. Coleman. O.C. M.G. Platoon.
,, A. de B. Morris. Signal Officer.
,, T. M. Cuckson. Quartermaster.
,, E. M. Bastyan. M.G. Platoon.
,, R. E. Tufnell. A Company.
,, C. Cockburn. D Company.

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2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks. B Company.
,, R. H. N. Clarke. B Company.
,, R. T. K. Pye. A Company.
,, J. B. P. Sadler. C Company.
,, R. C. B. Buck. C Company.
,, R. B. Sanders. D Company.

Changes, Promotions, Etc.

OFFICERS

Major A. A. Fenn, D.S.O., joined Battalion, 19.12.1924. Bt.-Major R. B. Young died on 19.3.1925. Capt. H. B. D. Willcox, D.S.O., M.C., to Staff College, 21.1.1925. Capt. W. M. Robinson appointed Adjutant, 21.1.1925. Capt. H. Carter from East Africa, 21.10.1924, to 2nd Battalion, 26.2.1925. Capt. and Q.M. C. F. Dryden retired, 31.12.1924. Lieut. C. H. A. Sturge to Depot, 14.12.1924. Lieut. J. K. L. Roberts from Depot, 19.12.1924. Lieut. R. H. Wathes to West Africa, 18.3.1925. Lieut. T. Mason from West Africa, 16.9.1925. Lieut. E. J. H. Bowler from West Africa, 17.9.1925. 2nd Lieut. A. de B. Morris to be Lieutenant, 31.8.1924. Lieut. T. M. Cuckson commissioned as Q.M., 31.12.1924. 2nd Lieut. E. M. Bastyan to be Lieutenant, 30.8.1925. 2nd Lieut. R. E. Tufnell to be Lieutenant, 30.8.1925. 2nd Lieut. C. Cockburn to be Lieutenant, 30.8.1925. 2nd Lieut. S. O. Boyd retired, 28.1.1925. 2nd Lieut. R. T. K. Pye joined on 1st Appointment, 30.9.1924. 2nd Lieut. J. B. P. Sadler joined on 1st Appointment, 30.9.1924. 2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks joined on 1st Appointment, 29.1.1925. 2nd Lieut. R. C. B. Buck joined on 1st Appointment, 29.1.1925. 2nd Lieut. R. B. Sanders joined on 1st Appointment, 29.1.1925.

WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Promotions: To C.S.M., Sturges, Sutton, Fielding. *To C.Q.M.S.*, Blake, Grant, Jenks, Piper. *To Sergt.*, Sinton, Moss, Lee, Seston, Heath, Linthwaite, Staples, Storrs, Hickman, Marston. *To Corpl.*, Shaw, Malpass, Lawton, Cartwright, Miles, Stone, Taylor, Johnson, Hughes, Whittle, Watson, Jones, Millward.

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Changes: To Depot, C.Q.M.S. Shelton, Sergts. Tippett, Kilminster, Sinton. *To T.F. Battns.*, C.S.M. Maddock, D.C.M., C.S.M. Pain, Sergts. Stoton, Chambers. *From Depot,* R.Q.M.S, Barber, C.S.M. Sutton, C.Q.M.S. Grant, C.Q.M.S. Piper. Sergts. Drury, Moss, Heath, Corpls. Wade, Wass, Lce.-Sergt. Bowling. *From T.F.*, C.S.M. Sturges, Sergt. (now Corpl.) Applebee.

Drafts to 2nd Battalion: 9.1.1925, Draft of 146 Other Ranks embarked on s.s. *Derbyshire* at Southampton. 7.10.1925, Draft of 128 Other Ranks embarked on s.s. *City of Marseilles* at Southampton.

Recruits from Depot: 1 on 7.11.1924, 19 on 25.11.1924, 3 on 26.11.1924, 21 on 16.1.1925, 28 on 7.2.1925, 3 on 18.2.1925, 20 on 28.2.1925, 3 on 15.4.1925, 26 on 2.5.1925, 2 on 20.5.1925, 22 on 16.6.1925, 1 on 27.6.1925, 25 on 18.7.1925, 70 on 29.9.1925.

BIRTHS

4963123 Pte. W. Russell, a daughter, Thelma Constance; 4966765 Pte. A. Cummings, a son, Raymond Leslie; 4963286 Corpl. A. Applebee, twin boys, Desmond and Percy Stanley; 4965215 Pte. J. Stringfellow, a daughter, Iris Sheila; 4962260 Corpl. F. Cartwright, a son, Derek George; 4963063 C.S.M. J. Sturges, a son, James Arthur; 4908936 Pte. W. Height, a son, Frederick William; 7807631 Lce.-Sergt. C. Moseley, a daughter, Millicent; 4962356 Pte. T. Gilbert, a son, Tom; 6447872 Lce.-Corpl. J. Ward, a daughter, Ethel Rose Ward.

MARRIAGES

4967210 Pte. C. Wood to Miss Taylor, 1.11.1924; 4961539 C.Q.M.S. J. Shelton, D.C.M., to Miss Bird, 10.11.1924; 4963123 Pte. W. Russell to Miss Osborne, 2.8.1924; 4966358 Pte. J. Cushley to Miss Graham, 23.8.1924; 4966765 Pte. A. Cummings to Miss Singleton, 4.12.1924; 4966102 Lce.-Corpl. H. Walker to Miss Tooth, 15.11.1924; 4962134 Lce.-Corpl. G. Woodhall to Miss Coole, 14.8.1924; 4966921 Corpl. V. Rogers to Miss Shaw, 24.12.1924; 4966188 Pte. F. Draycott to Miss Wright, 8.11.1924; 4965784 Pte. S. Hinds to Miss Knowles, 28.12.1924; 4962402 Sergt. W. Hickman to Miss Devenney, 26.12.1924; 4967678 Pte. W. Edwards to

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Miss Morris, 16.2.1925; 4908936 Pte. W. Height to Miss Potter, 24.12.1924; 739714 Pte. C. Wilson to Miss Harding, 24.12.1924; 7212686 Pte. W. Sheldon to Miss Turner, 6.8.1924; 4966528 Pte. S. Ward to Miss Woolsey, 29.4.1925; 4965510 Pte. S. Flude to Miss Berresford, 2.5.1925; 4963545 Pte. E. Thurman to Miss Bancroft, 24.12.1924; 4966951 Lce.-Corpl. E. Bates to Miss Hewitt, 7.7.1925; 4962129 Pte. J. Taylor to Miss Maskell, 1.6.1925; 4967168 Lce.-Corpl. W. Stanley to Miss Tipper, 21.9.1925; 4962356 Pte. T. Gilbert to Miss Imhof, 1.11.1924.

DEATHS

Bt. Major R. B. Young, Aldershot, 19.3.25. Percy Stanley and Desmond, sons of 4963286 Cpl. A. Applebee, Ballykinlar, 12.4.1925 and 18.4.1925.

WEAPON TRAINING AND RIFLE MEETINGS

As far as Weapon Training was concerned, the move to Ballykinlar was very welcome, as three open ranges are very near to our barracks. From the middle of January the greatest use was made of the open range which had been allotted to us. In February we commenced a Battalion Rifle Competition in which every member of the Battalion present at the station took part. This competition was carried out over a period of four weeks, one practice taken from Annual Range Courses being fired on one day each week. The Battalion was divided into Classes, according to the previous year's classification, and the winners of each Class were as follows:—

Class A	Sergt. F. Messom	A Company.
Class B	Pte. Beadle	B Company.
Class C	Pte. Height	B Company.

The weather conditions during this competition were bad, but the average score for the whole Battalion was quite good.

Each Company in turn was allotted the range, and a considerable amount of practice took place, far more than has previously been enjoyed by the Battalion since the War. As a further incentive to all ranks, Company competitions were carried out during March and April. Prizes were

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allotted from the Battalion Rifle Club. The arrangements were entirely carried out by Companies and were based on Annual Range Courses. The highest aggregate scores (Rifle, all classes) were obtained by the following :—

H.Q. Wing.	C.S.M. Nicklin.
A Company.	Sergt. Messom.
B Company.	C.Q.M.S. Grant.
C Company.	C.Q.M.S. (now C.S.M.) Fielding.
D Company.	Sergt. Rose.

The usual competitions for Spoons were carried out weekly during the evenings on the Miniature Range.

On 1st May, the Annual Range Courses were commenced. Letter D Company, who were the first to fire, set up a very good average in both the rifle and the Lewis gun. Although A Company obtained a slightly better average on the Lewis gun, and all companies were very close, letter D Company proved the winners of the Shooting Shield, also the Rifle Challenge Cup, for the highest Company average with the rifle, the winners showing an improvement of no less than 23.8 on their average of 1924. The general improvement in Weapon Training throughout the Battalion has been highly satisfactory.

The Battalion Small Arms Meeting was held on 8th, 9th and 10th June. The following were the winners of the Challenge Cups and First Prizes :—

Officers' Challenge Cup (Coleman Cup) : Lieut. and Q.M. T. M. Cuckson.

W.O.'s and Sergeants' Challenge Cup : R.Q.M.S. Barber, H.Q. Wing.

Corporals' and Lance-Corporals' Challenge Cup : Lce.-Corpl. H. White, A Company.

Privates' Challenge Cup : Pte. H. Mason, H.Q. Wing.

Champion Shot (Dumbell Cup) : R.Q.M.S. W. Barber, H.Q. Wing.

Enlisted Boys' Cup : Boy Godney, H.Q. Wing.

Lewis Gun Pair : Lce.-Corpl. Roe and Pte. Buckley, B Company.

Platoon Team Match : No. 14 Platoon, D Company (Lieut. C. Cockburn).

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M.G. Team Match: No. 10 Team (Corpl. Taylor, Pte. Jones and Streets).
Markers' Match: Pte. Anderson, A Company.
Ranks' Team Match: W.O.'s and Sergeants' Team.

The Ranks' Team Match proved very interesting, teams consisting of 8 Officers, 8 W.O.'s and Sergeants, 8 Corporals and Lance-Corporals, and 8 Privates, fired unlimited ammunition for one minute at 300 yards as for classification, the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Team winning rather easily.

The Machine Gun Team Match, included in the programme for the first time, proved to be the most open event of the Meeting, the scoring by several teams being particularly close, which added considerably to an already very interesting competition.

The Battalion Meeting over, preparation was made for the Northern Ireland District Meeting, to be held in the early part of July. The entries from the Battalion were considerable. The great improvement shown throughout the year and the fact that the Meeting was to be held on our Ranges, made us rather optimistic, but we were doomed to disappointment. Not only did our individual entries fail to produce a single first prize winner, but the teams representing the Battalion did not show the good results which consistently were obtained in practice. Probably the exception was letter D Company, who represented us in the Company Challenge Cup. A team of 20 Other Ranks, most of whom were young soldiers, performed creditably, and until the last pair actually fired the Lewis gun the result was in the balance. The excitement was intense until the score board proved that the Seaforth Highlanders, by wonderful Lewis gun shooting, had deprived us of our last chance of the meeting. Our team had shot well, and but for the remarkable scores obtained in the Lewis gun practice by the winners, might easily have retrieved our other failures of the meeting.

It must be said in fairness to our Machine Gun Team that their score was very good, but the competition produced much greater scores than usual.

The Draft to the 2nd Battalion will deprive us of several young soldiers who have shown very good promise, but we

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still have a number who possess the temperament for team shooting, and we entertain great hopes for the future.

Transport Notes

We said good-bye to the Aldershot Command on 7th January, and have since been soldiering in Ireland. The voyage over was uneventful, at least it was for some people.

As far as the Transport are concerned the life here has not been quite so strenuous as at Aldershot, but all the same we manage to put in a fair amount of work. We miss the Horse Shows and events of that sort in which we used to revel in the past, but we have worked hard at our animals and have constantly received good reports. Unfortunately we had the bad luck to lose one horse from tetanus in April, and another was sent to Carrickfergus in May. This, however, proved a blessing in disguise, as to replace these we were sent a very fine pair of roans, which have since been the pride of their driver, Pte. Gunson, and the admiration of the Command.

In the Battalion Sports the Transport was ably represented by Pte. Mason. He was first in the Three Miles, first in the Cross-Country, first in the Inter-Platoon, and second in the Open Mile. He was also second in the 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry Open Mile, and fourth in the Highland Light Infantry Open Mile. Pte. Mason is a great favourite on the Transport and we all wish him the best of luck for the future.

In July we spent a week in camp at Churchtown, where we explored the delights of Strangford and Castle Mahon, and in September we spent a fortnight in camp at Bohill up in the Antrim Mountains, about ten miles from Belfast. The weather was cold at the latter camp, but on the whole dry as far as Irish weather goes. However, we managed to put in a fairly good time, and although the wind was mainly from the north, by judicious feeding and extra care on the part of the Transport personnel, we were able to keep our animals in their usual good condition, so that when it came to breaking camp we were able to march from Bohill to Ballykinlar—a distance of thirty-two miles—in ten hours, which was quite a good performance.

Before closing these notes we must congratulate Lce.-Sergt. Beech and Lce.-Corpl. Downing on their promotion, and wish

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TRANSPORT PERSONNEL, OFFICERS' CHARGERS AND ANIMALS

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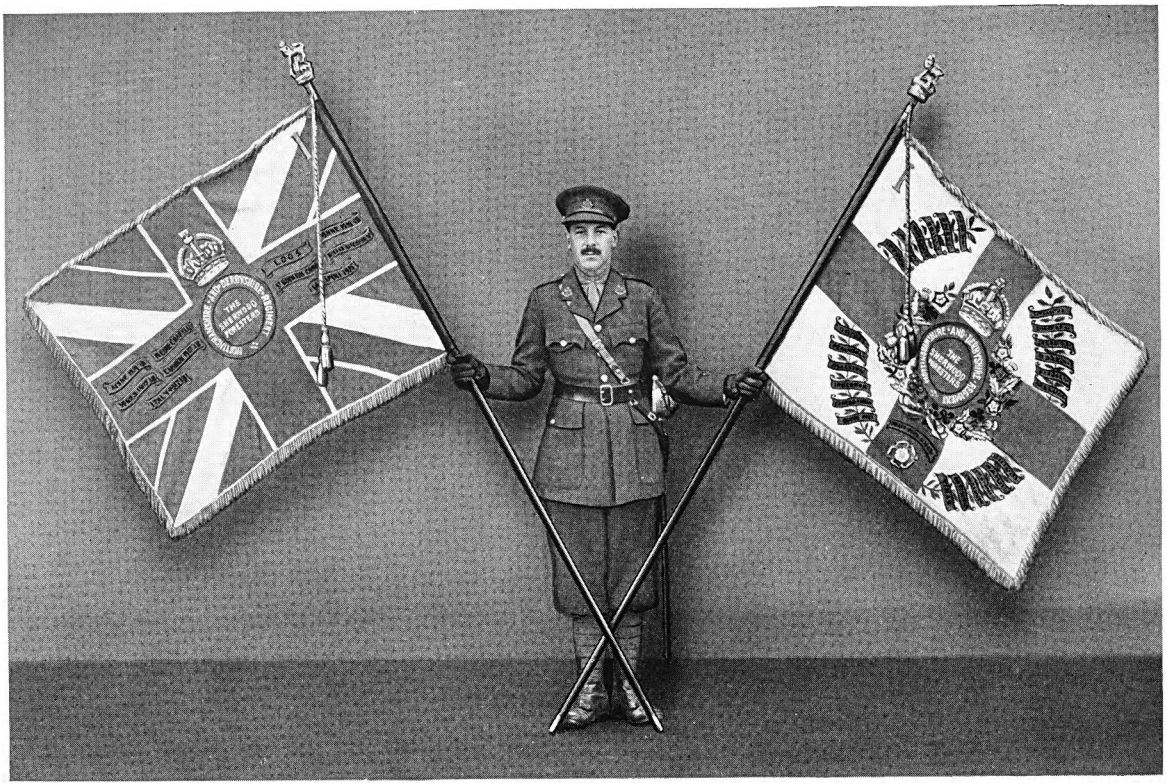

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Lce.-Corpl. Downing and Pte. Edwards every success on their Veterinary and Shoeing Courses at Aldershot, where we are sure they will give a good account of themselves.

In conclusion we should like to congratulate Pte. Saville, who, while on a Shoeing Course at Aldershot, earned the congratulations of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sir Philip Chetwode, by his gallant conduct in stopping a runaway horse on the Farnborough road.

Hockey Notes

The season commenced at Blackdown in September, 1924, when some Company games were played off, but owing to the subsequent move to Northern Ireland little hockey was played till we reached Ballykinlar.

In the Northern Ireland District Competition we defeated the Highland Light Infantry in the first round by 4 goals to 1, Sergt. Sinton and Lieut. Roberts getting two each. In the second round we met the Durham Light Infantry, who only beat us by the odd goal in three. Bad shooting in the circle lost us the game. 2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks, the Old Blue and late Captain of Oxford University, was not quite at home on the somewhat bumpy pitch. The Company Shield was won by the left Flank of Headquarter Wing.

During the season 2nd Lieut. Fairbanks played for the Army against the Navy, and Lieut. Gamble was "capped" for Ireland against Scotland.

Boxing Notes

During the season the Battalion was handicapped to some extent through the move to Ireland. Little or no boxing took place at Blackdown before the move, and it was not until we had settled down at Ballykinlar that we could get to work and train our team and individuals.

The first event of importance to take place was in February, when we sent to Tidworth, Pte. J. Smith and Bdsmn. G. Mitchell, two individual representatives of the Battalion in the Army Amateur Individual Boxing Championships. Both these men did extraordinarily well, but unfortunately did not win right through.

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Following closely on this event we went to Belfast to compete in the Northern Ireland District Boxing Championships held in Victoria Barracks during the last week of March.

This consisted of two competitions, Individual and Team, which were run concurrently, but as separate competitions. The scoring in the Team Competition was run on the " Point " System. There were four units entered—the Highland Light Infantry, the Seaforth Highlanders, the Royal Tank Corps, and ourselves, the result being that we secured second place in the Team and four Finalists in the Individual Competition. Teams consisted of 3 Officers and 8 Other Ranks and were as follows :—

2nd Lieut. J. B. P. Sadler. Heavyweight. Beaten in Final.

2nd Lieut. A. de B. Morris. Beaten in Semi-Final.

2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke. In Final, but had to scratch owing to injuries.

Bdsmn. Mitchell. Heavyweight. Winner, Team and Individual.

Corpl. Hughes. Light Heavy-weight. Lost in Semi-Final.

Corpl. Hickling. Middle weight. Winner in Team and lost in Final of Individual.

Pte. Young. Welter weight " A." Lost in Semi-Final.

Pte. Hilton. Welter weight " B." Lost in Semi-Final.

Pte. Cruddas. Light-weight. Winner in Team and Individual.

Pte. Smith. Feather-weight. Winner in Team and Individual.

Pte. McMahon. Bantam-weight. Winner in Team and Individual.

We lost first place by three points only, and it must be said that luck was not altogether with us throughout the meeting, since byes unfortunately went to those who might very easily have done without them, whilst some of those who did not get byes would have gone up in the Finals and then secured three points instead of one, which would have given us a large majority. Again, the scratching of 2nd Lieut. Clarke through injuries, who had already won into the Finals, was very unfortunate.

This Meeting closed the season, but it would be interesting

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to mention a Summer Meeting which took place during the Brigade Training at Bohill Camp in early September.

At this Meeting five regiments were represented at an Open Brigade Boxing Tournament—the Royal Sussex, D.L.I., H.L.I., Seaforth Highlanders and ourselves.

There were six weights, of which we won two, Pte. Smith winning the feather-weight and Pte. McMahon the bantam, and two others were in the Semi-Finals—Bdsmn. Mitchell and Sergt. Hickling. Unfortunately Hickling had to scratch owing to injuries and was sent to hospital.

In conclusion we must not forget to mention the name of C.S.M.I. Farrell, A.P.T.S., who gave us exceedingly valuable help throughout and devoted his time to the giving of advice and training to our team. Sergt. Storrs also did good and valuable work in the training of the team.

Regimental Athletic Meeting

The Sports this year were most successful, the weather being ideal both days, and the events on the second day running absolutely to the time scheduled. Many spectators witnessed the Sports.

The " Victor Ludorum " Cup was won this year by 2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks, with three firsts and a second place, making a total of 46 points, a very fine performance, upon which he is to be heartily congratulated.

2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke is to be congratulated on setting up a new Regimental Record for the Long Jump, with a jump of 19 feet 7½ inches. He also went very near to beating the Regimental Record for the High Jump, at present held by Sergt. Felthouse, 1st Battalion (created in 1908 at Bangalore) with a jump of 5 feet 4 inches. It is quite possible that next year we shall see him accomplish this, and we wish him every success.

Pte. Mason, Machine Gun Platoon, is to be heartily congratulated also on setting up a record for the Three Miles (Flat) with a time of 16 minutes 29⅘ seconds. It was particularly gratifying to many to witness his success, as nearly everyone realised that his success was due to constant and hard training.

Throughout Friday afternoon the band of our neighbours,

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the 1st Battalion the Durham Light Infantry, played an excellent programme of music, which was much appreciated.

The meeting terminated at 5.40, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Weldon. The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. K. C. Weldon, D.S.O., made a short speech at the conclusion of the prize giving. He expressed his satisfaction with the sports, and the pleasure which it afforded him to say that two new Regimental Records had been established. Three cheers for Mrs. Weldon were then called for by the Regimental Sergt.-Major, and the proceedings were terminated by the playing of the Regimental Marches and " the King." (For Tables of Events see pp. 29 and 30.)

REGIMENTAL RECORDS

100 *Yards:* 10$\frac{2}{5}$ secs., Sergt. Bastow (1st Bn.), Secunderabad, 1912.

220 *Yards:* 25 secs., 2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks (1st Bn.), Ballykinlar, 1925. (No previous record.)

440 *Yards:* 55$\frac{3}{5}$ secs., Bdsmn. Coomber (1st Bn.), Secunderabad, 1911; Corpl. Stevenson (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

880 *Yards:* 2 mins. 3 secs., Lce.-Corpl. Jones (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

1 *Mile:* 4 mins. 40$\frac{2}{5}$ secs., Lce.-Corpl. Pearce (1st Bn.), Secunderabad, 1912.

3 *Miles (Flat):* 16 mins. 29$\frac{4}{5}$ secs., Pte. Mason (1st Bn.), Ballykinlar, 1925.

High Jump: 5 ft. 4 in., Sergt. Felthouse (1st Bn.), Bangalore, 1908.

Long Jump: 19 ft. 7$\frac{1}{2}$ in., 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke (1st Bn.), Ballykinlar, 1925.

120 *Yards Hurdles:* 18 secs., Corpl. Stevenson (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 102 yds. 1 ft. 3 in., Sergt. Townsend (1st Bn.), Blackdown, 1923.

Putting the Weight: 31 ft. 8 in., Pte. Joyce (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Results

Event.	First.	Time, Distance, etc.	Second.	Third.	No. of Entries
100 *Yards.*	2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks.	11 secs.	Lce.-Corpl. Blohm.	Bdsmn. Mitchell	60
220 *Yards.*	2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks.	25 secs.	Lce.-Corpl. Blohm.	Pte. Thurman.	48
440 *Yards.*	Pte. Thurman.	58⅔ secs.	Pte. Taylor.	Pte. McMahon.	43
880 *Yards.*	Dmr. Owen.	2′ 15⅖″.	Lce.-Corpl. Hallam.	Corpl. Whittle.	31
1 *Mile* (*Open*).	Pte. Peacock, 1st D.L.I.	3′ 1″	Pte. Roberts, 1st H.L.I.	Pte. Morrison, 1st D.L.I.	10
1 *Mile* (*Regimental*).	Lce.-Corpl. Davis.	5′ 5″	Pte. Mason.	Sergt. Staples.	42
3 *Miles* (*Flat*).	Pte. Mason.	16′ 29⅘″	Sergt. Staples.	Pte. Kiddier.	46
120 *Yards Hurdles.*	2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks.	19⅖ secs.	Lce.-Corpl. Blohm.	Pte. Sheldon.	26
High Jump.	2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke.	5′ 3″	Sergt. Storrs.	Bdsmn. Mitchell	30
Long Jump.	2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke.	19′ 7½″	2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks.	Sergt. Everett.	38
Throwing Cricket Ball.	Pte. Insley.	87 yards	Corpl. Hickling.	Lce.-Corpl. Heptenstall.	37
Putting the Weight.	Bdsmn. Mitchell.	31′ 4½″	Corpl. Hickling.	C.S.M. Sutton.	31
Inter-Coy. Relay Race.	2nd Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks.	7′ 27″	2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke.	Sergt. Everett	

Fourth : Sergt. Storrs. Fifth : Corpl. Whittle. Sixth : Pte. Taylor.

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NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Event.	First.	Second.	Third.	Distance.
Sack Race.	Pte. Thirwell.	Pte. Russel.	Pte. Newton.	
Wheelbarrow Race.	Bdsmn. Salisbury and Bdsmn. Frape.			
Boot Race.	Dmr. Stansbie.	Bdsmn. Mitchell.		
Mop Fighting.	Pte. Knight and Pte. Kime.			
Band Race (1st D.L.I.).	Pte. Riley.	Pte. Hodgson.	Pte. Acheson.	
Ladies' Race.	Mrs. Barber.	Mrs. Fielding.	Mrs. Slater.	
Enlisted Boys' Race.	Boy Cornish.	Boy Bowling.	Boy Fisher.	220 yds.
Children's Race. Boys.	Kenneth Howitt.	William Smith.	Sidney Mortimer.	
Girls.	Rita Cuckson.	Pat Slater.	Edna Applebee.	
Corporals' Race.	Corpl. Stone.	Corpl. Hickling.	Lce.-Corpl. Shepherd.	220 yds.
Veterans' Handicap.	Sergt. Marston.	C.S.M. Slater.	Sergt.-Dmr. Phillipps.	220 yds.
Sergeants' Handicap.	Sergt. Sinton.	Sergt. Everett.	Sergt. Marston.	100 yds.
Sergeants' Challenge Cup.	Sergt. Sinton.			100 yds,
Officers' Handicap.	Major E. L. Bowring, D.S.O., O.B.E.	Lieut.-Colonel K. C. Weldon, D.S.O.	Lieut. C. A. Gamble.	220 yds.

TEAM EVENTS

Inter-Platoon Cross-Country Race. Left Flank, H.Q. Wing ; No. 1 Section, M.G. Platoon.

Inter-Company Cross-Country Race. B Company. *Points :* B Coy., 1777 ; R.F., 1278 ; L.F., 1171 ; C Coy., 1165 ; A Coy., 1158 ; D Coy., 711.

Inter-Company Tug-of-War. D Company. (Unbeaten.)

Full Marching Order Race. Right Flank, H.Q. Wing. " Drums."

Victor Ludorum. 2nd-Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks. 46 *points.*

Wolley Dod Shield. B Company : 272 *points. Runners up :* Left Flank, H.G. Wing : 170 *points.*

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Athletic Notes

THE INTER-COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

This was run on June 29th, and for the fourth year in succession resulted in a very easy win for B Company. The Course (about five miles) was, unfortunately, mostly road, and could not be considered a very stiff one. It was completed by the winner in 28 mins. 55 secs. Teams consisted of 20 per Company, and a total of 120 competitors started. The first three individuals and the first six of the winning team received prizes.

Individuals: 1st, Pte. Mason, Left Flank, H.Q. Wing; 2nd, Dmr. Woods, Right Flank, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Pte. Kiddier, A Company.

Team: Sergt. Storrs, 6th; Pte. Clay, 10th; Lce.-Corpl. Sims, 12th; Pte. Tooth, 14th; Corpl. Whittle, 16th; Lce.-Corpl. Hallam, 17th.

THE INTER-COMPANY TUG-OF-WAR

The Competition was run on the "League" system and under A.A. and C.C.A. Rules—teams consisting of 10 men (catch-weight) and a coach.

D Company, under the leadership of Sergt. Rose, won the Shield without the loss of a single pull, while the Right Flank, H.Q. Wing, were runners-up.

Winning Team: Pte. Linley, Pte. Wakefield, Corpl. Ransford, Corpl. Mawbey, Corpl. Stone, Pte. Salter, Pte. Clarke, Pte. Kime, Lce.-Corpl. Bryan, Pte. Moore.

THE INTER-COMPANY FULL MARCHING ORDER RACE

This event, held on June 26th, was again very keenly contested. Teams consisted of one N.C.O. and six men, companies entering as many teams as they wished. Twenty-one teams entered, making a total of 147 competitors. The course ($2\frac{3}{4}$ miles) was completed by the winning team in 28 mins. 42 secs., at about an average speed of 5.5. miles per hour. The Drums, Right Flank, H.Q.Wing, having satisfied the judges that they were complete with all kit, were declared the winners. They were closely followed by B Company.

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Winning Team: Sergt.-Dmr. Phillips, Lce.-Corpl. Evans, Dmr. Thompson, Dmr. Jepson, Dmr. Gavin, Dmr. Owen, Pte. Preece.

Great praise is due to Sergt.-Dmr. Phillips, who captained the team, and so set an extraordinarily good example to his team. It must be remembered that he has now twenty-three years' service.

THE INTER-PLATOON CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

This race was held on June 3rd, and was keenly contested. The course (about 3½ miles) was completed by the winner in 19 mins. 22 secs. No. 17 Platoon, Machine Gun Platoon, were the winners, with the following team :—

Pte. Mason, 1st ; Sergt. Staples, 3rd ; Pte. Fairholme, 8th ; Pte. Gibbs, 12th ; Pte. Symons, 42nd ; Pte. Powell, 43rd.

Points: No. 17 Platoon, M.G. Platoon, 759 points ; No. 8 Platoon, B Company, 710 points ; No. 22 Platoon, Drums, 694 points ; No. 5 Platoon, B Company, 688 points.

Cricket Notes

At the beginning of the season the Ballykinlar Garrison Cricket Ground, which had been laid only last year, rather gave the impression that it would not be possible to be played on. The difficulty was overcome, however, by using a matting wicket which proved moderately successful, but which was not always true.

Owing to the isolation of our present Station we were able to get only a few fixtures, and of these, two against the H.L.I. had to be scratched—one owing to the weather and the other to the inability of the H.L.I. to get together a team on the day of the match.

In the first round of the Inter-Unit Competition we drew against our next-door neighbours—the Durham Light Infantry —with whom we had already had two matches, each side having won one. A very close finish resulted in our being beaten by only 15 runs.

We played two matches against the Seaforth Highlanders. The first one at Ballykinlar resulted in a draw ; we batted

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1ST BATTALION BAND AND DRUMS ON CEREMONIAL PARADE

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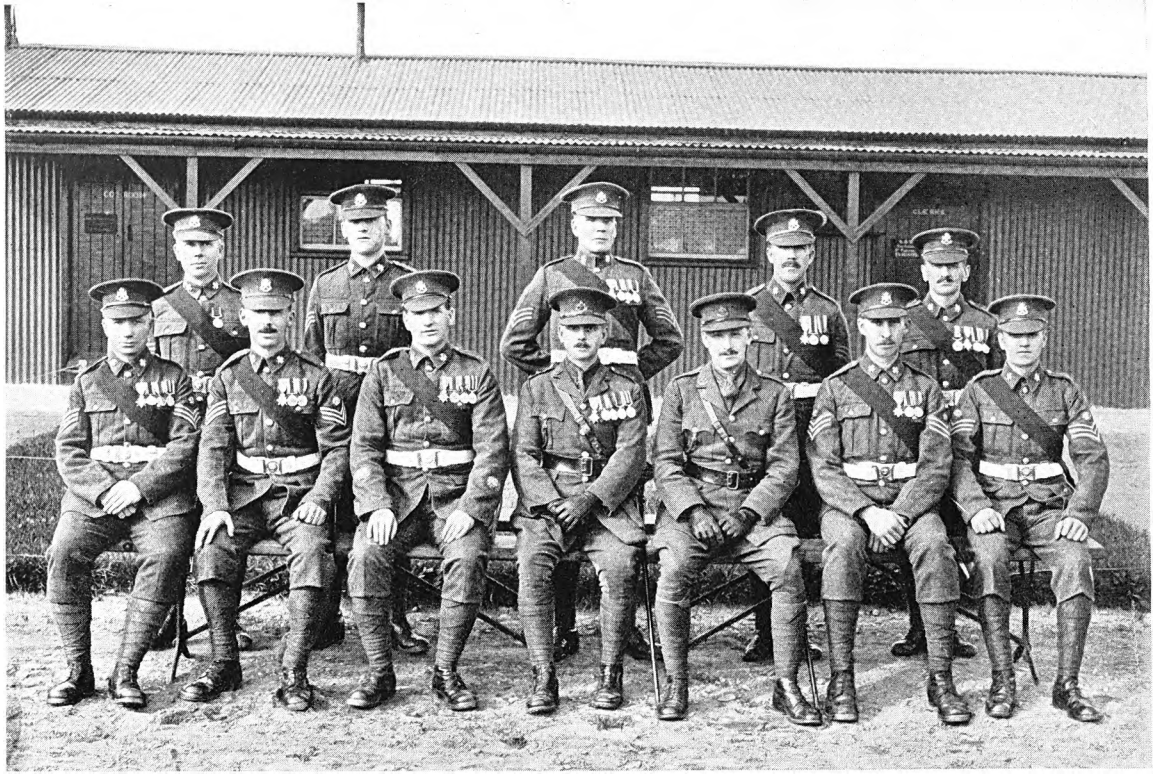

1st BATTALION. MESSING AND QUARTERING DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Mortimer, Lce.-Sgt. Hales, Sgt. Marston, Pnr.-Sgt. Dowse, Sgt.-Cook Green
C.Q.M.S. Fox, C.Q.M.S. Piper, R.Q.M.S. Barber, Lieut. and Q.M. T. Cuckson, Lieut. J. K. L. Roberts,
C.Q.M.S. Blake, C.Q.M.S. Jenks

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first and made 120 for 9 wickets and then declared and put our opponents in as the time was getting short. They made 90 for 7 wickets when stumps were drawn. The return match was played at Comber on the North Down C.C. Ground. Rain partly interfered with the game, but we could not make it an excuse for the result, which was an easy win for the Seaforths, our side collapsing badly against the bowling of Lieut. Johnstone.

The Ballykinlar Garrison—consisting of the 1st Durham Light Infantry and ourselves—played two matches against the Belfast Garrison, the latter winning on both occasions. Lieuts. Bastyan and Clarke, C.S.M. Sutton, Sergt. Drury and Pte. Massey were our representatives in the Garrison side.

Lieuts. Morris and Clarke were away on Courses of Instruction practically throughout the season, and we missed their services in all but one match. The team, however, was strengthened from last year by the inclusion of C.S.M. Sutton and Sergt. Drury from the Depot, the latter being a fast-medium bowler who deserved more wickets than he obtained.

The following constituted the Regimental team: Major Hudson, Lieuts. Gamble, Coleman, Bastyan, Fairbanks, Buck, C.S.M's. Nicklin and Sutton, Sergt. Drury, Lce.-Corpl. Kirk and Pte. Massey.

Football

During the season the Battalion Team was very severely handicapped owing to the decision of the Army Football Committee to prevent our entering for the Command League. This decision was made in view of the fact that midway through the season the Battalion was leaving Blackdown for Ballykinlar, Northern Ireland. The net result was that fixtures were few, and always "friendly," when perhaps the best results are not always obtained, owing to the lack of competitive enthusiasm. The number of friendly fixtures arranged was as good as could be expected under the very difficult circumstances.

C.S.M. Nicklin and Corpl. Watson, both of Headquarter

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Wing, are to be congratulated on having been chosen to play for the Aldershot Command.

In the Army Cup Competition the Battalion was drawn against the 10th Hussars. The match was played on our own ground at Blackdown. The game was very even until about fifteen minutes before time when the forwards of the 10th Hussars scored three goals in quick succession by a display of very good team work. The match was finally won by the 10th Hussars with a score of 7 to 3.

Throughout last season the weakest point in our team was the forward line. There are hard individual workers who are somewhat handicapped by their size, but the greatest fault with any forward line, so far provided, is that there is a complete absence of the team spirit, and that the main object of each player is to try and win a good name for himself by scoring as many goals as possible. The better the team work the more rapidly will the goals total up. The defence, on the other hand, was very good, and C.S.M. Nicklin, Corpl. Watson and Pte. Stringfellow many times did very good work, saving what looked like a sure break-through. The standard of Regimental football would be increased considerably were young and ambitious footballers to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the game, and not to play football merely to please the friends you have on the touchline, as you commence to ruin all chances you may have of ever becoming a good team player. Play for your team, and never for yourself. A striking exception to the general tone of the team in this respect was the excellent sporting spirit displayed by Corpl. Watson.

The following played for the Battalion during the season: Lieuts. Hutchings, Coleman and Bastyan, C.S.M. Nicklin, Sergt. Everett, Corpls. Watson, Taylor and Allen, Lce.-Corpls. Blohm and Cherry, Ptes. Harris, Stringfellow, McPhun, McMahon, Fairholme, Bdsmn. Salisbury and Dmr. Pettinger.

The team played 13 matches, winning 4, losing 6 and drawing 3, a not very successful season. Eleven fixtures had to be cancelled through bad weather and similar causes.

The Company Football Shield was again played for on the League system. Interest in these games seemed to be solely confined to the players themselves, spectators being few and

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far between. The winners were the Left Flank, H.Q. Wing (C.S.M. Nicklin). The team played 10 matches. They lost one match, drew one, and won the remaining eight, gaining 17 points out of a possible 20.

The annual Officers *versus* Sergeants' match provided some amusement, though the Sergeants had it all their own way. They won comfortably with 7 goals to 1.

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2ND BATTALION NOTES

THE Battalion commenced its move down from Gharial to Rawalpindi, to take up its abode in Victoria Barracks, as follows :—

An Advance Party consisting of 40 Other Ranks, under Lieut. R. J. Wilkins, left Gharial, by route march on the 13th October, 1924, and arrived at Rawalpindi on 15th October to take over the Barracks from the 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Letters B and D Companies, Band, Machine Gun, Platoon, Transport and Indian Platoon, under command of Capt. W. A. Platt, left Gharial on 21st October, and arrived at Rawalpindi, 23rd October.

Letters A and C Companies, Drums, H.Q. Employed Platoon, and Signallers, under command of Capt. N. A. McD. Walker, left Gharial on 22nd October, and arrived at Rawalpindi on 24th October.

A Rear Party, under the command of 2nd Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham, 21 Other Ranks and 4 Public Followers, remained at Gharial for the purpose of handing over Barrack Stores, etc., and left on 25th October ; they were joined at Tret by the party that had formed the Rest Camp Staff at Tret, under 2nd Lieut. C. H. Cousens. They duly arrived at Rawalpindi on 27th October.

The families moved down by motor car, in two parties, the first party, under W.O. Instr. E. H. Darling, A.E.C., left Gharial at 7 a.m. on 18th October, 1924.

The second party, under Bandmaster A. E. Harvey, left at 7 a.m. 19th October.

During the autumn of 1924 the Battalion carried out its usual winter training and manœuvres, returning in sufficient time to make necessary arrangements for Christmas festivities.

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The usual competition for the best decorated room was held, this year the Band being the lucky Platoon to secure the prize. The Commanding Officer and Second-in-Command made their usual tour of the rooms on Christmas Day and drank the health of each Company. They were struck by the keen competition in the decoration of each room.

Christmas passed and the Battalion settled down to the completion of Musketry and the usual routine.

On 27th January, 1925, the Annual Inspection was carried out by Col. Commandant H. L. Knight, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 12th Indian Infantry Brigade. At this inspection the mobilization arrangements of the Battalion were inspected, this being the first year that Mobilization, under the system worked at home, was introduced into India.

The Brigade Commander was very pleased with all he saw, and reported accordingly. The remarks of the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, being—"Very satisfactory; an excellent Battalion."

This year the Battalion remains in Rawalpindi during the hot season and has to find all Garrison duties, extra to its own Regimental duties, being the only Infantry unit in the Station.

Musketry for 1925 is being carried out, and a system of sending each Company and a portion of H.Q. Wing for a change to the Hills, for six weeks at a time, is in vogue as per the table mentioned below.

The Hill station allotted to the Battalion this year is Upper Barian, which is situated about five miles from Murree, at an altitude of over 6000 feet above sea-level and only accommodates one Company at a time.

The families proceeded by motor car from Rawalpindi to Sunnybank, thence by dandy to Upper Barian, on Easter Monday, 13th April, 1925.

PROGRAMME OF HOT WEATHER RELIEFS

Advance Party: Under 2nd Lieut. H. F. Meynell, to Barian, 1st April, 1925.

Letter A Company, Signallers and Boys, under Capt. J. W. Turner, M.C., to Barian, 13th April, 1925.

Letter B Company and M.G.'s, under Capt. J. H. M.

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Douglas, M.C., relieve A Company and Signallers at Barian, 25th May, 1925.

Letter C Company and Drums, under Capt. J. E. Wright, relieve B Company and M.G.'s at Barian, 12th July, 1925.

Letter D Company and Band, under Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., relieve C Company and Drums at Barian, 1st September, 1925.

Letter D Company, Band and Boys, under Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., return to Rawalpindi, 20th October, 1925.

Razmak

The Battalion's tour of duty in Rawalpindi terminates at the end of this year, and it has been placed under orders to proceed to the North-West Frontier, in the Waziristan District, for a tour of duty, and will relieve our old friends, the 2nd Battalion the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, stationed at Razmak, during the cold season of 1926, probably during the month of March.

Major R. T. Foster, D.S.O., visited the Oxford and Bucks on 18.4.25, with a view to ascertaining how the Battalion would be accommodated, the duties found by the unit stationed there, and a general idea of the situation.

On his return it was decided to organize three small parties of Officers and N.C.O.'s, to proceed to Razmak before the move of the Battalion in order to obtain a knowledge of local conditions, and to be able to practice Mountain Warfare prior to the move.

The dates on which it is proposed to send the parties, and the strength of same are stated below :—

1st Party : Depart Rawalpindi, 10th June, 1925 ; depart Razmak, 25th June, 1925.

Capt. W. A. Platt, Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham, 2 N.C.O.'s of letter B Company, 1 N.C.O. of letter D Company, 1 N.C.O. of Headquarter Wing.

2nd Party : Depart Rawalpindi, 16th August, 1925 ; depart Razmak, 31st August, 1925.

Bt. Lt.-Col. R. S. Hart, D.S.O., Capt. J. W. Turner, M.C., Lieut. R. F. Bernal, 3 N.C.O.'s of letter A Company, 2 N.C.O.'s of letter C Company, 1 N.C.O. of Headquarter Wing.

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3rd Party: Depart Rawalpindi, 1st October, 1925; depart Razmak, 15th October, 1925.

Capt. J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., 2nd Lieut. N. H. Thompson, 1 N.C.O. from Headquarter Wing, 3 N.C.O's of letter D Company, 2 N.C.O.'s of letter B Company, 2 N.C.O.'s of letter C Company, 1 N.C.O. of letter A Company.

History once again repeats itself, for it may be interesting to know that the Battalion arrived in Rawalpindi from Bareilly on 26th September, 1897, to form part of the Reserve Brigade of the Tirah Field Force that was concentrating at Rawalpindi, and on the 28th September, 1897, orders were received for the Battalion to proceed to Kohat to relieve the Royal Irish Regiment, in the Tirah Expeditionary Force, so we shall be going over the ground formerly traversed by the Battalion in the Tirah Campaign.

Premature Transfer to the Army Reserve

During July, 1924, information was received from Army Headquarters, Simla, that it had been decided to more evenly distribute the number of men passing annually from the Colours into the Army Reserve during the next few years, and that certain classes of men serving in British Infantry Battalions in India were to transfer prematurely to the Army Reserve.

The classes affected were those whose normal Colour service of seven or nine years, exclusive of the extra year, expired within the periods:—

(i) 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927 (Category B).

(ii) 1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1929 (Category C).

The Battalion was ordered to find 40 Other Ranks, Category B, and 60 Other Ranks, Category C.

The whole of the above were duly dispatched to the United Kingdom in sufficient time to enable their transfer to be carried out prior to 31st March, 1925.

Promotions, Changes, Etc.

OFFICERS

To be Lieutenants: 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck, 31.8.24; 2nd Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham, 1.2.25.

The following joined the Battalion on dates stated: Capt.

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J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., on reposting, 7.2.25; Capt. H. Carter, 28.3.25; 2nd Lieut. R. W. Jackson, 23.3.25.

The undermentioned have rejoined from leave in the United Kingdom: Major R. T. Foster, D.S.O., Capt. W. A. Platt, Lieut. R. E. H. Stott, Capt. J. E. Wright.

The undermentioned have proceeded to the United Kingdom for 8 months' leave: Capts. G. M. Gamble, A. S. Edwards, M.C., N. A. McD. Walker, Lieuts. H. G. Fowler, E. A. Coxon, A. A. Dean. Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O., proceeded to the Regimental Depot for a tour of duty, 10.10.24. Lieut. A. A. Dean proceeded for attachment to the British Infantry Training Company, Jullundur, 10/17th Dogra Regiment, 30.11.24. Capt. W. A. Platt proceeded to New Zealand for a tour of duty for 2 years on 1st July, 1925.

Retirement: Capt. M. J. Kenny, retired (with Gratuity), 19.1.25.

Relinquishing of Appointment: Capt. G. M. Gamble relinquished the appointment of Adjutant to the Battalion on 30.6.25.

Appointment: Lieut. R. J. Wilkins appointed Adjutant to the Battalion vice Capt. G. M. Gamble, 1.7.25.

EXAMINATIONS

Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., passed in Urdu, held at Murree, 7.7.24; Lieut. A. A. Dean passed in Urdu, held at R'Pindi, 14.4.24; Lieut. R. F. Bernal, passed the Preliminary Examination in German, held at Bombay, 16.6.25; 2nd Lieut. C. H. Cousens, passed the Preliminary Examination in French held at Bombay, 16.6.25.

The undermentioned passed Courses of Instruction on the dates stated: 2nd Lieut. R. M. Ingall, from 10.1.25 to 26.3.25, Musketry, S.A.Sch., Pachmarhi; Lieut. R. F. Bernal, from 1.7.24 to 23.8.24, M.G.Sch., Ahmednaghar; Lieut. E. A. Coxon, from 21.11.24 to 23.12.24, M.G.Sch., Ahmednaghar; Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham, from 30.4.24 to 29.7.24, Signalling, Poona; 2nd Lieut. N. H. Thompson, from 11.4.25 to 9.7.25, P.T. School, Kasauli; Major R. T. Foster, D.S.O., from 5.1.25 to 2.4.25, Senior Officers' Course, Belgaum; Lieut. R. E. H. Stott, from 13.4.25 to 29.6.25, Musketry S.A.Sch.,

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Pachmarhi; Lieut. C. B. Dawkins, Aust. S.C., from 25.5.25 to 20.6.25, Intelligence Course, Murree.

Officers attached to the Battalion for Training: Lieut. R. K. Anderson, Australian Staff Corps, 22.12.23 to 30.1.25; 2nd Lieut. N. G. Bett, U.L.I.A., 8.10.24; Lieut. C. B. Dawkins, Australian Staff Corps, 31.1.25, from 2nd Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry on their proceeding to Razmak; 2nd Lieut. L. J. G. Showers, U.L.I.A., 15.2.25; 2nd Lieut. L. G. S. Younghusband, U.L.I.A., 15.2.25 to 15.3.25; 2nd Lieut. I. F. Lang, U.L.I.A., 18.3.25.

OTHER RANKS

The following joined the Battalion on dates as stated: C.Q.M.S. Richards, M.M., 30.1.24; Sergt. A. W. Conduit, 2.12.24; Sergt. G. Dunkerly, 2.12.24; Sergt. C. Fuller, 2.2.25. Miss H. G. Wilson, A.E.C., as Army Schoolmistress, 11.12.23. R.Q.M.S. Noble rejoined from leave United Kingdom, 5.1.25. Sergt.-Instructor W. A. Levers, A.E.C., joined, 12.1.25. W.O. Class (I) E. H. Darling, A.E.C., proceeded to United Kingdom, 14.1.25. Corpl. Baker transferred from 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment, Delhi, 1.5.25.

Promotions and Appointments: To C.S.M. (W.O. Class II) and appointed C.S.M. I.M., Sergt. R. Hammond, 9.2.25. *To Clr.-Sergt. and appointed O.R.S.*, Sergt. (O.R.C.) E. Lound, M.M., 29.10.24. *Appointed O.R.C.*, Sergt. R. Cooling, 29.10.24 *To Sergt. and appointed Pioneer-Sergt.*, Lce.-Corpl. Phillips, 13.11.24. *To Sergts.*, Lce.-Sergts. J. Slack, J. Johnson, T. Wagstaffe, J. Froggatt, F. Howard, C. Staddon. *To Lce.-Sergts.*, Corpls. F. Lane, R. Reeve, G. Mawer, H. Bailey, P. Carter, L. Harrison. *To Corpls.*, Lce.-Corpls. W. Johnson, G. Jenks, A. Hickson, H. Whitbrooke, M. Scrutton, W. Ball, W. Smith, A. Cumberland, A. Booth, J. Hunt.

The following left the Battalion on dates as stated: C.S.M. McDermott to United Kingdom for discharge, 9.2.25; Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) C. H. Dady, D.C.M., to Regimental Depot, 29.10.24; Sergt. B. Clark, transferred to Army Reserve, 12.11.24; Sergt. W. Parker, to Home Establishment, 12.11.24; Sergt. A. Parkes, transferred to Army Reserve, 26.11.24; Sergt. C. Butler, to Home Establishment, 24.3.25; Sergt. A. Conduit,

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to Regimental Depot for tour of duty, 11.3.25; Lce.-Sergt. T. Wallis, transferred to Army Reserve, 12.12.24.

The following were invalided to the United Kingdom on dates as stated: Lce.-Sergt. J. Brown, 25.12.24; Corpl. J. Starr, M.M., 30.12.24; Corpl. J. Nicholls, 14.3.25.

The following proceeded to the United Kingdom for 6 months' leave on 11.3.25: C.S.M.I.M., R. Hammond, Sergt.-Dmr. R. Staples, Sergt. H. Allen, Drummer D. Bramwell.

ARRIVALS. DRAFTS FROM UNITED KINGDOM

A draft of 146 Other Ranks, under Capt. J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., joined the Battalion from United Kingdom on 7.2.25.

ENLISTMENTS

Recruit Harry Norkett enlisted on 30.3.25 for the Sherwood Foresters.

TRANSFERS

Lce.-Corpl. D. Phillips transferred from the Lancashire Fusiliers, 15.4.25; Pte. A. Allden transferred to the Hampshire Regiment, 14.4.25; Boy Reynolds transferred to the Lincolnshire Regiment, 24.4.25; Pte. J. O'Brien transferred to R.A.M.C., 26.2.24; Pte. R. Stanford transferred to South Staffordshire Regiment, 12.3.24; Pte. F. Yeatman transferred to North Staffordshire Regiment, 28.4.24; Pte. E. Porter transferred to Royal Engineers, 4.7.24; Pte. E. Oliver transferred to R.A.M.C., 3.10.24; Pte. F. Deakin transferred from North Staffordshire Regiment, 12.12.24.

STRENGTH

Derby XIII died on 21st February, 1925, at Rawalpindi, and was struck off the strength accordingly.

The young Ram presented by Lt.-Col. His Highness Maharao Sir Umed Singh Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.B., Maharao of Kotah, was taken on the strength with effect from 21.2.25, and allotted Regimental Number Derby XIV.

The undermentioned passed Courses of Instruction:—

Small Arms School, Pachmarhi: Sergt. A. Parkes, from 10.1.24 to 8.4.24; Corpl. S. Taylor, from 15.4.24 to 27.6.24; Sergt. R. Piper, from 25.9.24 to 13.12.24; Sergt. T. Johnson,

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from 25.9.24 to 13.12.24; Sergt. G. Dunkerly, from 10.1.25 to 26.3.25; Sergt. C. Staddon, from 10.1.25 to 26.3.25.

Machine Gun School, Ahmednaghar: Corpl. F. Davenport, from 5.1.25 to 28.2.25; Sergt. W. R. White, from 21.11.24 to 23.12.24; Lce.-Sergt. T. Wallis, from 7.1.24 to 1.3.24; Sergt. W. Chambers, from 11.3.24 to 5.4.24.

Animal Management, Veterinary Hospital, Ambala: Sergt. A. Newbury, from 10.1.25 to 3.2.25.

Signalling, Poona: Lce.-Corpl. C. Freeman, from 30.4.24 to 29.7.24; Lce.-Corpl. W. Post, from 1.5.25 to 30.7.25.

Cookery, Poona: Pte. E. Annakin, from 3.7.24 to 20.8.24; Pte. W. Meachin, from 2.9.24 to 15.10.24; Sergt. J. Delmore, from 5.1.25 to 6.4.25 (Sergt.'s Cooks' Course Category, "B" Certificate, Order of Merit 6th); Pte. C. Bates, from 18.2.25 to 6.4.25; Pte. E. Sharpe, from 15.4.25 to 31.5.25.

Physical Training Courses: Corpl. W. H. Smith, from 2.1.24 to 29.3.24, Ambala; Lce.-Corpl. S. Ingram, from 14.4.24 to 12.7.24, Kasauli; Sergt. T. Johnson, from 16.3.24 to 5.7.24, Kasauli; Corpl. A. V. Moseley, from 18.8.24 to 22.12.24, Ambala; Lce.-Sergt. H. Bailey, from 3.1.25 to 28.3.25, Ambala; Sergt. H. R. Howell, from 11.4.25 to 23.5.25, Kasauli; Corpl. R. Old, from 25.5.25 to 9.7.25, Kasauli.

Education: Lce.-Sergt. L. Harrison, from 25.8.24 to 22.11.24, Belgaum; Sergt. W. Chambers, from 16.1.25 to 6.4.25, Belgaum; *Army Schoolmistress:* Mrs. H. G. Hunt, A.E.C., from 18.1.25 to 22.2.25, Refresher Course, Belgaum.

BIRTHS

No. 4961506 Clr.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) E. Lound, M.M., a son, Peter Edward, 24.1.25; No. 4961416 Sergt. R. J. Piper, a daughter, Marjorie Alice, 6.5.25; No. 4961500 Sergt. C. W. Butler, a daughter, Vera, 27.6.24; No. 7075072 C.S.M. McDermott, a son, Paul Richard, 5.8.24; No. 7578812 Arm.-S.-Sergt. F. G. Adams, R.A.O.C., a son, Kenneth, 10.8.24; No. 4963528 Lce.-Corpl. B. Green, a son, Eric Edward, 14.8.24; No. 4962108 Sergt. O. Bennett, a son, Christopher, 25.12.24.

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OBITUARY

The Commanding Officer regrets to announce the deaths of the following :—

No. 4966115 Pte. G. W. Lawrence, B Company, from pericarditis, at the British Station Hospital, Rawalpindi, on 2.7.25 ; No. 4962842 C.S.M. (W.O. Class II) A. W. Unwin, C Company, from heat stroke, at the British Station Hospital, Rawalpindi, on 12.7.25.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS

No. 4961485 C.Q.M.S. Armstrong, D.C.M., was presented with the Good Conduct and Long Service Medal by His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, during his Indian tour, on 7.2.25.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

No. 4966075 Sergt. J. R. Delmore, awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education on 18.10.24 ; No. 4965795 Pte. W. Hill, awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education on 18.10.24.

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The Battalion commenced a monthly system of Savings during March, 1924, and the undermentioned chart shows the rapid progress that has been made. (For Report of Depositors see opposite page.)

The Royal Tour

Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught visited Rawalpindi during their Indian tour.

They arrived at Rawalpindi by Special Train at 11 a.m., 6th February, 1925, and were met at the railway station by the Army Commander, Gen. Sir C. W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., the G.O.C. Rawalpindi District, Major-Gen. Sir L. R. Vaughan, K.B.E., D.S.O., and the Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, A. M. Stow, Esquire, O.B.E., I.C.S.

They lunched with the Commissioner, and afterwards proceeded to Circuit House, where they stayed during their visit.

The Battalion was ordered to find a Guard of 1 Sergeant,

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Record of Depositors

Month.	No. of Depositors' Accounts Opened.	Depositors putting in during month.	Depositors Failing to put in during month.	Amount Deposited.	Total Amount.	Converted at Rupees, per £ sterling.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1924.						
March . .	72	72	nil.	144 5 0	144 5 0	14/6
April . .	142	138	4	324 10 0	468 15 0	14/4
May . .	178	133	43	370 0 0	838 15 0	14/4
June . .	231	175	56	466 15 0	1,305 10 0	14/1
July . .	284	187	97	490 15 0	1,796 5 0	14/1
August . .	320	240	80	719 15 0	2,516 0 0	13/14
September .	353	203	150	656 10 0	3,172 10 0	13/12
October . .	378	213	165	578 0 0	3,750 10 0	13/13
November .	405	219	186	634 10 0	4,385 0 0	13/6
December .	429	181	248	521 10 0	4,906 10 0	13/5
1925.						
January . .	471	286	185	751 0 0	5,657 10 0	13/4
February . .	502	322	180	1,068 10 0	6,725 0 0	13/5*
March . .	519	321	198	1,220 0 0	7,946 0 0	13/6
April . .	569	335	234	1,006 0 0	8,893 0 0	13/6
May . .	671	365	306	942 0 0	9,835 0 0	13/5
June . .	727	541	186	1,556 10 0	11,391 10 0	13/5
July . .	753	533	220	1,652 0 0	13,043 10 0	

* End of first year.

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1 Lance-Corporal, 1 Drummer and 15 men over Circuit House during their Royal Highnesses' stay in Rawalpindi.

Their Royal Highnesses dined with the Army Commander, and after dinner they attended a Charity Ball which was held at the Rawalpindi Club, and was a great success.

On Saturday, 17th February, 1925, at 10 a.m., His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Army Commander, inspected the Battalion on parade on the Victoria Maidan, and presented medals and decorations to Officers, N.C.O.'s and men and civilian subordinates. Afterwards he inspected the Barracks and Institutes. He was pleased with all he saw.

The Picture of the Regiment at the Battle of Busaco

Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, C.M.G., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, recently received an application from the Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, for a picture depicting the Regiment in one of its many battles, to be hung in the new wing of the school, as it is intended to obtain as many pictures as possible of all battles that various regiments have taken part in, for instructional purposes of its scholars.

Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien very kindly purchased and presented the school with the picture of the Battle of Busaco, in which the Regiment did great service, bearing the following inscription: "From the Sherwood Foresters."

Everest, the Great Unconquered

A very interesting lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, on the Everest Expedition of 1924, was delivered in the Regimental schoolroom, at 6 p.m. on the 4th September, 1924, by Lt.-Col. V. A. Haddick, F.R.G.S., one of the party who accompanied the expedition.

Wedding

The notes for this year cannot be concluded without reference to a very happy event that took place at Christ Church, Rawalpindi, on the 18th December, 1924, in the marriage of C.S.M. G. W. Hunt, D.C.M., of letter A Company, to Miss Hester Georgina Wilson.

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LIEUT.-COL. R. S. FOPHAM, C.M.G., D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2ND BATTALION THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS

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The best man was Sergt.-Dmr. R. Staples, and the officiating clergyman, the Rev. H. G. England, M.A.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mrs. England, and was packed with Officers, their wives, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men and their wives.

The Band, under the direction of Mr. E. A. Harvey, was in attendance, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the happy couple left to the strains of Mendelsohnn's "Wedding March."

Outside the church the N.C.O.'s and men of letter A Company had fixed drag-ropes to the car that was to take the happy couple away, and hauled them to the schoolroom, where the reception had been prepared by W.O. Instructor and Mrs. E. H. Darling, A.E.C.

A great number of presents had been received and were laid out, these being greatly admired by all who saw them. After the toast was drunk, the couple left for Lahore, to spend their honeymoon.

We take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck and happiness.

Lt.-Col. R. S. Popham, C.M.G., D.S.O., whose period of command expires in February, 1926, joined the Regiment at Malta in 1899, just prior to its departure for the South African War.

During his service, Col. Popham has had great opportunities of seeing the world, though not always under the most ideal circumstances; he has served in Malta, South Africa, China, Straits Settlements, India, Egypt, the Balkans and Asia Minor.

As a young officer he was awarded the D.S.O. for the following act of bravery: "On one occasion the Battalion marched 400 miles in forty-five days, inclusive of a 10 day's halt, and was engaged with the enemy twenty-eight times in that period. It fought at Bethulie Bridge, where Lieut. Popham gained the D.S.O. for cutting, while under intense rifle fire, the electric wires connecting the dynamite charges which the enemy had prepared and placed to blow up the bridge. This act saved the bridge and had a most material effect in successfully prosecuting the campaign."

Lt.-Col. Popham has throughout his service associated

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himself with the welfare of his men, and the Regiment has indeed been fortunate in having had him as Commanding Officer for four years. He leaves with the good wishes of all who have been privileged to serve under him, and with the hope that they may again have the good fortune to serve under him on some future occasion.

He has the following War Service to his credit :—

South African War, 1899–1902

Operations in the Orange Free State, including actions, Houtnek (Thoba Mountain), Vet River and Zand River. Operations in the Transvaal, including actions near Johannesburg, Pretoria and Diamond Hill. Operations in the Transvaal, West of Pretoria and in the Orange River Colony, including action at Wittebergen. Operations in Cape Colony, south of Orange River. Operations in the Transvaal, 30th November, 1900, to 31st May, 1902.

In addition to the D.S.O. he received the Queen's Medal with 4 Clasps, the King's Medal with 2 Clasps, and was twice mentioned in despatches.

The Great War, 1914–18

He held various Staff appointments on the Western and Macedonian Fronts, including G.S.O.I. at Army H.Q., Salonica.

In addition to the C.M.G. he received the 1914 Star with Clasp, British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Order of the White Eagle.

He was four times mentioned in despatches.

Football Notes, Season 1924–25

The season 1924–25 has been the most successful since we came to India in 1922. The team entered for six Tournaments, winning three cups and reaching the Semi-Final of the All-India Championship, being knocked out by the Durham Light Infantry, who eventually won the Cup. The standard of football throughout the Battalion has improved since last year, which is undoubtedly due to the Platoon Competition, a report of which is given on next page. No fresh outstanding

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players have joined the Battalion; on the other hand we have lost the services of Lce.-Corpl. Saxby.

Nevertheless, the following results show that a steady improvement has been made during the past year :—

Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals. For.	Against.
22	17	3	2	72	19

1. *The Durand Cup (Simla)*

Starting well in this competition by beating the Young Students' Sports Club by 11 goals to 1, our team met the Cameronians in the second round, and were beaten by 3 goals to 1. This defeat was a little disappointing, but we were unfortunate in not being able to field our best side owing to injuries.

By transferring one of the backs to the attack the defence was weakened, and the Cameronians took advantage of every opportunity afforded them to score. The same cannot be said of our own forwards, and luck was not with us that day. We made our exit from the Durand Cup with a feeling that we could have done better.

2. *The Rawalpindi District Cup (A.S.C.B.I.) (Rawalpindi)*

Throughout this tournament a marked improvement was noticeable, and each game was won by a good margin of goals. This was the first Football Cup to be won since we commenced the present Indian tour. The results were as follows :—

8th Pack Battery, won 5 to 0.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1st Battalion, won, 4 to 0.

55th Field Battery R.A., won, 3 to 1.

B Corps Signals, won, 4 to 0.

3. *The Lahore European Trades' Cup*

Open to All India. Competed for in Lahore.

This much-coveted trophy is reported to be the biggest Football Cup in the world, and in winning it this year, after many hard gruelling games, we felt somewhat compensated for our disappointment of the past two years, when on each occasion we lost the Final game by the odd goal.

The team journeyed to Lahore determined to bring the Cup

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back, and every member of the side played with great dash from the very commencement and spared no effort until the Cup was won.

In the opening stages we had little difficulty in disposing of our opponents, but in the Final game we met the Royal Scots Fusiliers, a team every bit as good as our own. The match was played before a large gathering of spectators which included the Governor of the Punjab and Lady Hailey. Both teams played fast and skilful football and there was little or nothing to choose between them.

The end came and nothing had been scored, and after two lots of extra time, with many thrilling incidents, the score still stood at love all.

The Replay two days later attracted an even larger crowd, some supporting one side and some the other. Our third successive year in the Final influenced the majority of the local football enthusiasts to side with us. The Indian element, with their cry of " Play up the Jungly Wallahs," caused much amusement amongst the Foresters.

The Replay was as exciting as the first Final game, there being little to choose between the teams on the day's play. The ball travelled from end to end in rapid succession and both goalkeepers were at their best. About fifteen minutes before the end our efforts met with due reward, and from a well-placed centre by Sergt. Howell, Pte. Dudley scored the only goal of the match with a shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Lady Hailey in presenting the Cup remarked that the win of the Sherwood Foresters was most popular in Lahore, and while sympathising with the losers said that we thoroughly deserved the Cup after our splendid three years' effort.

Results: North Western Railway, won 7 to 1; 2nd Bn. Northants, won 2 to 0; the Black Watch, won 4 to 1; (Final) Royal Scots Fusiliers, draw 0 to 0; (Replay) Royal Scots Fusiliers, won 1 to 0.

4. *Northern Command Cup (Rawalpindi)*

This tournament followed quickly on the heels of the Lahore Cup, but the team did not maintain its previous form and lost to the 21st Brigade R.A. by 2 goals to love. The team put

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up a very poor show, and when the 21st Brigade scored their first goal our players lost heart and got their tails down. The 21st Brigade were knocked out early in the Lahore Cup, so that the form shown on the day's play by our fellows may be considered as bad.

5. *The All-India Championship*

The All-India Championship was open to the winners of the sixteen districts in India and Burma, and the R.A.F., and was played in Rawalpindi.

We received a Bye in the first round and met the Black Watch in the second round. The first game was poor and resulted in a draw of 2 goals all. In the replay we won by 2 goals to nil and qualified for the Semi-Final. The 2nd Durham Light Infantry (our old opponents in the Army Cup) knocked us out in the Semi-Final by 4 goals to love, and eventually won the Cup. They were the better team and a cut above the average team in the competition.

6. *The Murree Brewery Cup (Murree)*

This was our third attempt to win the Murree Cup. In the two previous years we have been knocked out in the Semi-Final, but this year our perseverance met with reward. There is little to comment on in the first game when we beat the Royal Air Force, 3 to 1.

In the next round we played a hastily collected team from the Murree Sports Club and only managed to beat them by the narrow margin of 1 to 0.

This game reflects no credit on the team, and one or two of the players seemed to forget that they were playing for their side and not for themselves. This lapse nearly lost them the Cup, but before the Semi-Final they were reminded of this important principle. In the Semi-Final against the Royal Fusiliers they played a mighty fine game of football which was pleasant to watch and made one feel proud of them. This spirit was kept up in the Final against the King's Own Royal Regiment. Played on a heavy ground before a large gathering of spectators our fellows started as though they meant business. The team work was excellent and they scored two goals before the King's Own could settle down. The latter

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then rallied and made a remarkable recovery, and in spite of our fellows' efforts to prevent them, scored three goals and with five minutes to go led by 3 to 2. The excitement of the onlookers was intense, and when our fellows scored the equaliser from a penalty kick it was in the zenith. From this moment we held the upper hand and scored the winning goal in the extra time. The margin was small, but we would have been very unlucky not to have won the Cup.

Results: Foresters 3, R.A.F. 1; Foresters 1, Murree Sports Club 0; Foresters 3, Royal Fusiliers 0; Foresters 4, King's Own Royal Regiment 3.

7. *The Durand Tournament*

The team journeyed to Simla in September, to compete in the Durand Tournament, and played throughout the competition at the top of their form. Twenty-one teams competed.

In the first round the team drew a bye

Second Round: Foresters, 2; 21st Brigade R.A. (winners Northern Command Tournament), 1.

Third Round: Foresters, 2; 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers (runners up, Lahore Trades Tournament, winners Calcutta Shield), 0.

Semi-Final: Foresters, 1; Mohan Bagan (Calcutta), 0.

Final: Foresters, 3; 1st Worcesters (holders), 1.

The Semi-Final and Final were witnessed by about 5,000 spectators, and the final was witnessed by his Excellency the Viceroy, and his Majesty the King of the Belgians, who presented the trophies to the winners and runners-up. The Foresters received the Durand Cup, the Simla Cup, and the Viceroy's Cup. The latter remains the property of the winners.

The members of the team were entertained at Peliti's Palm Court, Simla, on 3rd October, 1925, by Mr. Peliti, who provided a most excellent dinner.

This concludes the football season for 1925, and as far as is known, the list of successes constitutes a record for India.

This record for the Regiment recalls the many successes of the old football team in Egypt a few years ago, and it is hoped that the teams of future years will beat the records of both the Egypt team and the present one.

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Inter-Company Football Shield

D Company turned the tables on B Company this year, and after a good game defeated them in the Semi-Final by 1 to 0. They then met and defeated H.Q.Wing by 4 to 2, thus winning the Shield. Great keenness was shown and some interesting football of a high standard was seen in this competition. A Company won it in 1922, B Company in 1923, D Company in 1924.

Inter-Platoon Competition—462 Matches

This competition took the best part of a year to complete the 462 matches, and keenness was maintained all along. It was extremely popular and the friendly rivalry raised the enthusiasm of every man in the Battalion. Twenty-two teams competed and each played forty-two games, some of which towards the end of the season provided some very good football.

It brought out a number of players who are now noted as future representatives of the Regiment, and also afforded an opportunity to many who are just starting the game, to take part in Competition Football. It fosters the " team " spirit and is good for " esprit de corps."

The Band won the Cup with 67 points with the Machine Gunners a close second with 65 points. The League Table showing the positions of the teams at the close of the season is published below :—

Platoon.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
Band	42	29	9	4	67
Machine Gunners	42	28	9	5	65
8 Platoon	42	26	9	7	61
Signallers	42	28	4	10	60
6 Platoon	42	22	12	8	56
2 ,,	42	22	10	10	54
5 ,,	42	21	7	14	49
16 ,,	42	18	10	14	46
Employed	42	18	9	15	45
15 Platoon	42	17	8	17	42
Transport	42	16	9	17	41
Drummers	42.	14	13	15	41

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Platoon.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
10 Platoon	42	14	12	16	40
9 ,,	42	15	8	19	38
1 ,,	42	16	3	23	35
12 ,,	42	12	8	22	32
7 ,,	42	11	8	23	30
4 ,,	42	11	7	24	29
3 ,,	42	9	10	23	28
13 ,,	42	7	13	22	27
14 ,,	42	9	6	27	24
11 ,,	42	4	8	30	16

The players who have played regularly for the Battalion are: Ptes. Pratt, Banner, Fletcher, Goldsworthy, Lce.-Corpl. Spencer, Ptes. Harrison, Lynch, Marks, Dudley, Sergt. Howell, Ptes. Kerr, Whittle, and Edge, and Lce.-Sergt. Carter.

Cricket Notes, Season 1924–25

The Battalion returned to Victoria Barracks from Gharial in October, 1924, but owing to training and manœuvres, cricket was not started until December. Good use was made of the Club Ground by the side, which this year was restarted as a grass wicket. The change from matting to grass was noticeable, and particularly difficult for the bowlers, but after one or two matches the side settled down for a fairly successful season.

The majority of games played were two-day games, and though fewer in number than last year we had really more cricket out of them.

Matches played 15; won 9, lost 5, drawn 1.

The result is not so good as last year, but chiefly owing to the unavoidable absence of some of the regular players throughout the season. This especially was felt during the Jamasjee Cup Tournament, in which we managed to reach the Final, and then were beaten by the 60th Rifles after a good and close game.

The side has improved in batting but lacks good change bowlers, while in the fielding there is still room for improvement. A glance at the averages may show the standard of the individual play. Capt. N. A. McD. Walker again leads

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the batting, and is close enough to the top of the bowling average to show that he has set a very good example as captain to the remainder of the side.

COMPANY CRICKET

The result of the Inter-Company Cricket came rather as a surprise; the equal distribution of the Regimental side in all of the companies making the decisions very doubtful till the games were actually won.

Headquarters felt the loss of Pte. Baker and Lce.-Corpl. Saxby, but even so, being the holders, managed to retain the Cup after some very uphill games against B and A Companies, and in the Final against D Company.

The Inter-Company Final, H.Q. *v.* D Company :—

D Company, 296 (Coxon 189, Turner 51).
67 (Lce.-Corpl. Spencer 7 for 41, Lce.-Corpl. Storer 3 for 19).

H.Q. Wing, 250 (Yeldham 94).
117 (Yeldham 69, not out).

Great keenness was shown during all the Company games.

JAMASJEE CUP TOURNMENT

1st Round: Foresters *v.* Combined Signals. Signals, 107 and 108 (Lieut. Cousens, 4 for 30; Capt. Walker, 3 for 13). Foresters, 281 (Capt. Walker, 151 retd.; Lieut. Yeldham, 86 retd.).

2nd Round: Foresters *v.* R.A.M.C. R.A.M.C., 187 and 111 (Stringfellow, 5 for 30, 7 for 58). Foresters, 260 (Lieut. Yeldham, 72; Lieut. Stott, 48). 40 for no wickets.

Final.—Foresters *v.* 60th Rifles. 60th Rifles, 106 and 204 (Lieut. Cousens, 5 for 43, 7 for 57). Foresters, 72 and 168 (Lieut. Bleck, 48).

Three of the Regimental side were asked to play for the Europeans in the Quadrangular Tournament at Lahore this year, but only one was able to go. The side has also provided the majority of the players for the Station against Peshawar in its annual matches.

Since last year Bdsmn. Baker has left us and his loss has been felt in the bowling line.

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BATTING AVERAGES FOR REGIMENTAL GAMES

Name.	Innings.	Highest Score.	Times not out.	Runs.	Average.
Capt. Walker .	10	151 n. out	2	596	74·5
Lieut. Yeldham	18	146 n. out	5	936	72·0
Pte. Fletcher .	4	64 n. out	1	98	32·6
Lieut. Bleck .	17	82	2	430	28·6
Lieut. Stott .	14	55	1	226	17·3
Lieut. Coxon .	5	27	—	78	15·6
Lieut. Fowler .	11	54	1	127	12·7
Lieut. Bernal .	7	29	1	73	12·1
Pte. Pratt .	4	18	1	34	11·3
2nd Lieut. Cousens	12	23	1	120	10·8
Pte. Spencer .	5	35	1	50	10·0
Pte. Springfellow	11	25	1	102	9·2
Pte. Marks .	11	24	—	94	8·5
Lieut. Bett .	8	14	1	42	6·0
Lce.-Corpl. Storer	9	23	—	53	5·8

BOWLING AVERAGES FOR REGIMENTAL GAMES

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Lieut. Coxon .	64	6	247	19	13·5
Capt. Walker .	196·3	24	812	58	14·0
Pte. Marks .	43	4	160	10	16·0
Pte. Stringfellow	119·1	29	810	50	16·2
2nd Lieut. Cousens	240·2	29	802	49	16·3
Lce.-Corpl. Storer	49	13	130	4	32·5

Regimental Annual Boxing Notes

The standard of boxing in the Battalion during the last twelve months has considerably improved. This improvement can be traced to the fact, that, not only has great enthusiasm and pluck been shown by the boxers themselves, but all ranks in companies have done their best to assist in encouraging men to box by organizing small inter-platoon meetings.

There is no doubt that these meetings do a great deal towards producing new material for Battalion teams, as many men are quite good with the gloves, but are a little

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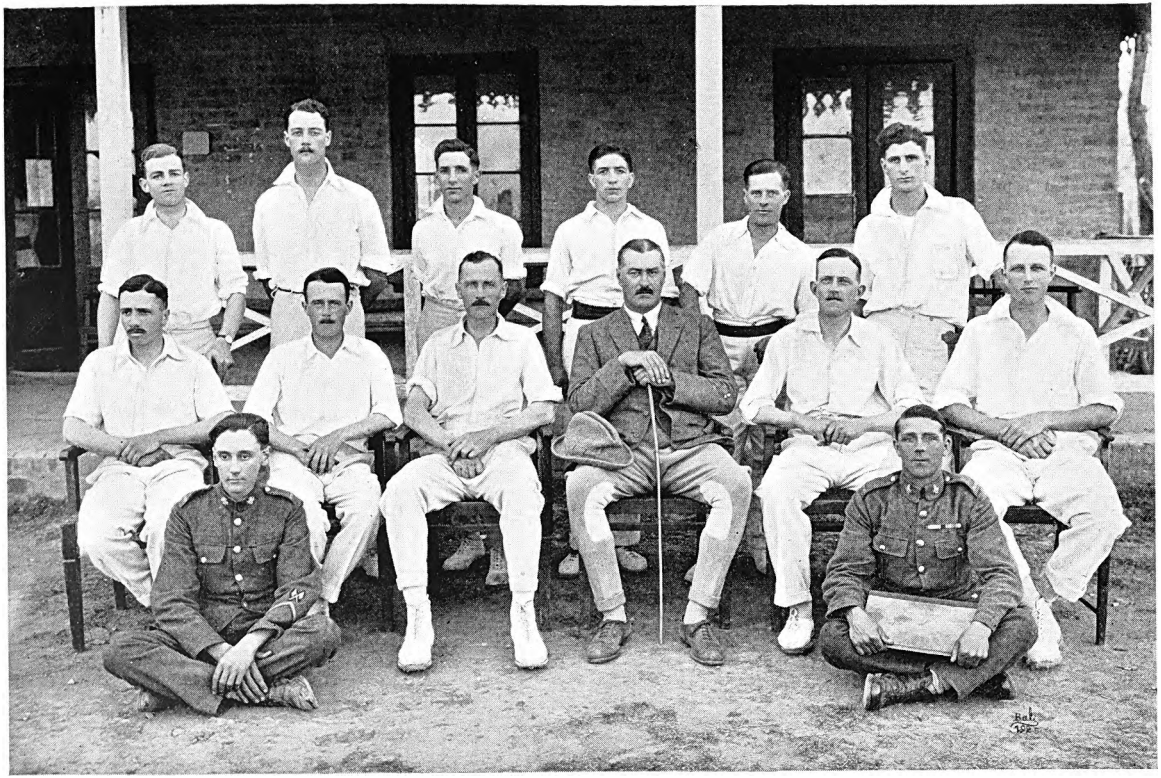

2ND BATTALION THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS. CRICKET TEAM, 1924–25

Back Row—2nd Lieut. N. G. BETT (I.U.L.), 2nd Lieut. C.H. COUSENS, Sgt. NEWBURY, Lce.-Cpl. STORER, Pte. STRINGFELLOW, Pte. MARKS
Sitting—Lieut. BLECK, Lieut. E. A. COXON, Capt. N. A. McD. WALKER, Lt.-Col. R. S. POPHAM (C.M.G., D.S.O.), Lieut. R. E. H. STOTT, Lieut. R. E. YELDHAM
Front row—Pte. MOULT Pte. SHARMAN

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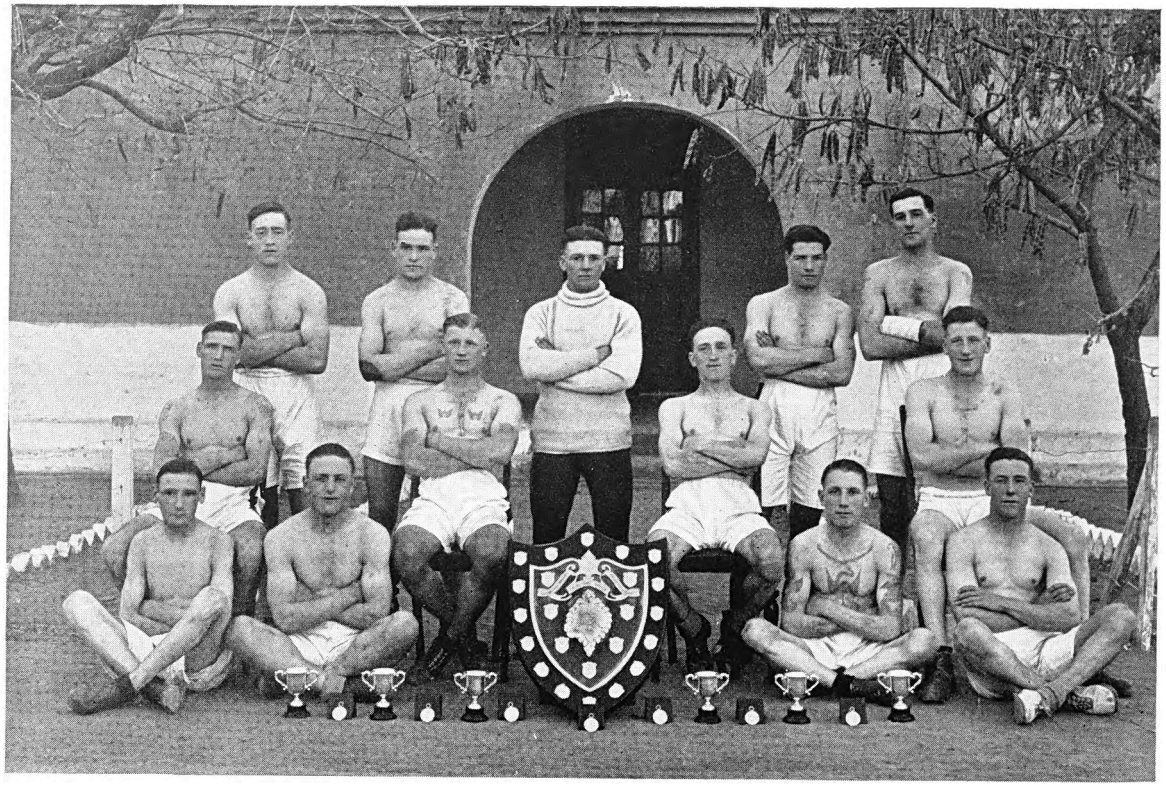

2ND BATTALION THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS

WINNERS RAWALPINDI DISTRICT BOXING TOURNAMENT, 1925

Back Row—Pte. LOVATT, Pte. PIKE, Sgt. BOOTH, Dmr. EELES, Cpl. BAKER
Middle Row—Dmr. TIMSON, Pte. BEE, Pte. SYMNS, Lce.-Cpl. SHARDLOW
Front Row—Boy PARKER, Pte. BARRELL, Pte. GAMBLE, Pte. SHARRATT

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shy of competing in even a Battalion Meeting on the occasion of their first appearance in the Ring.

The crowning success of the season was the winning by the Battalion of the Rawalpindi District Boxing Shield, which qualified the team to go into the Northern Command Tournament. Last year we were only fourth in this competition, and to have won it at our third attempt was very satisfactory, particularly as we beat the 60th Rifles, last year's winners, by 15 points.

A Cup for the Inter-Company Open Team Competition was purchased by the Boxing Club, and was competed for, for the first time, at Gharial. Letter C Company had the honour of being the first winners, only beating A Company by 1 point.

Special mention should be made of the success of Dmr. H. Timson, whose record was as follows: Won Feather-weight in District Team Competition, and was Runner-up in the Individual. Won Northern Command Team and Individual Competitions, and so qualified to enter for the Locke Elliott Belt, Open Feather-weight Championship of India. In this he won his first fight, beating Corpl. Coley of the Prince of Wales' Volunteers on points, but was beaten by Fusilier Evans, R.W. Fusiliers, in the Semi-Final, losing on points after a good fight.

The following are the results of the various competitions in which N.C.O.'s and Men of the Battalion have taken part, since the last notes were written :—

BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-COMPANY TEAM COMPETITION

Held at Gharial on August 8th, 1924. The Team and Individual events being arranged to run concurrently.

Result of Team Competition

1st, C Company, 24 points; 2nd, A Company, 23 points; 3rd, B Company, 20 points; 4th, D Company, 3 points; 5th H.Q. Wing, 5 points.

Individual Results

Heavy: Winner, Pte. Swallow, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Anthony, A Company.

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Light Heavy: Winner, Pte. Bee, C Company; runner-up, Lce.-Corpl. Barrell, B Company.

Middle: Winner, Sergt. Booth, A Company; runner-up, Pte. Lovatt, B Company.

Welters: Winner, Pte. Shardlow, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Pike, C Company.

Light: Winner, Pte. Sharratt, A Company; runner-up, Dmr. Eeles, C Company.

Feather: Winner, Dmr. Timson, A Company; runner-up, Pte. Coombes, B Company.

Bantam: Winner, Pte. Edwards, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Lawson, B Company.

Fly: Winner, Pte. Adams, B Company; runner-up, Corpl. Crawley, C Company.

RAWALPINDI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

(TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL)

Held at Rawalpindi on March 7th and 8th, 1925. The Battalion won the Team Competition with 32 points, whilst the 60th Rifles obtained 17; the King's Own Royal Regiment, 11.

The following are the performances of the various N.C.O.'s and Men entered:—

Corpl. Baker, walked over in the Final in both the Team and Individual Competitions.

Pte. Lovatt won the Light Heavy-weight in both Team and Individual Competitions, beating Pte. Barrell of the Regiment in the Final of the latter.

Pte. Bee won the Middle-weight in both Team and Individual Competitions, beating Sergt. Booth in the Final of the latter.

Lce.-Corpl. Shardlow won the Welter-weight in both competitions, beating Pte. Pike in the Final of the Individual.

Pte. Sharratt was knocked out in the Semi-Final of the Team Light-weight.

Dmr. Timson was beaten on points in the Final of the Team Competition.

Pte. Symns won the Bantam-weight Team and Individual,

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beating Pte. Gamble of the Battalion in the Final of the latter. Boy Parker won the Fly-weight Final of both competitions.

NORTHERN COMMAND TOURNAMENT

Held at Rawalpindi on March 12th and 13th, 1925.

The Battalion was third in this competition, obtaining 18 points against the Royal Welch Fusiliers, 25; Seaforths, 20; and Royal Berks Regiment, 7.

The same team as above entered, but found rather too tough a proposition in the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Seaforths.

However, all fought well, and several got as far as the Final before being finally disposed of.

Dmr. Timson beat Lce.-Corpl. Squires, 58th Regiment, on points in the final of the Individual, and Lce.-Corpl. Mitchell, Seaforths, on points in the Final of the Team Competition.

ALL INDIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Foresters were not eligible to enter for this, only the first and second teams from Commands going up for the All India.

However, it is of interest to note that the winners and runners-up were the first and second teams in the Northern Command Tournament.

The performance of Dmr. Timson, our only entry, has already been mentioned.

There will be considerable difficulty in organizing our Battalion Boxing Meetings during the hot weather to be spent in the Plains, but Razmak with its limited number of outside attractions should prove a good training place for next year's team.

Rugby Football in the Murree Hills

Last Monsoon season was the first time the Rugby Tournament had been played in the Murree Hills. About half a dozen teams entered, many from a considerable distance,

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and some good games ensued. The Welch beat the Gloucesters in the Final by the narrow margin of a drop goal to a try.

This season, however, only three teams entered. All were in the nearer galis, so that Gharial Flats ground was selected for the competition. As a knock-out system would only have produced two matches it was decided to form a league in which the teams would play each other twice. Points were counted as for Soccer, two points for the win.

The three teams to enter were the 60th Rifles from Kuldana, the Foresters who were at Gharial, and the Signals at Topa.

Both the Foresters and the Rifles succeeded in defeating the Signals XV twice. This does not cast any discredit on the team, who were very plucky, played very hard games against remarkable odds, and on all four occasions were beaten by a narrow margin. The Rifles secured their wins by 3 points to nil and 7 points to 3, the Foresters by 6 points to 4 and 7 to 5.

Two great tussles took place between the Rifles and the Foresters. At the first meeting Headon scored a fine try for the Rifles in the first half and Roberts in the second half broke through from the half-way line and touched down between the posts. This try was converted. The Foresters' centre three-quarter, Bleck, dropped a fine goal from the 25-yd. line very shortly afterwards. The remainder of the game was hotly contested, and right up to the end the Foresters had a good chance of winning.

The second encounter proved to be the deciding match of the tournament. Had the Foresters won it would have meant a further match. The game went at a very fast pace the whole way. After a fine game the Rifles won 6 points to nil, a try being scored in each half. The work of the Rifles' pack was wonderful, and their tackling and bringing down of their opponents' dangerous three-quarters helped to win them the match. On the other hand, it was only the good work of the Foresters' defence that prevented further scoring on the part of the Rifles, who were undoubtedly the stronger team.

After the final game Colonel Knight presented the Cup (which was kindly presented by the Scissors Cigarettes Co.).

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He complimented the Rifles XV who had successfully played each encounter, and appropriately thanked the other two teams who had played so well in this interesting tournament.

To many of the players in these three XV's the Rugby game is a new one. To the majority of the spectators the code was even stranger. Yet the enthusiasm shown by all during the tournament proves that another year will see a much bigger show. It is to be hoped that many units in the district will follow the example of the Foresters, who in less than a fortnight trained a team half of whom were recruits to the game and came to within a narrow margin of winning the Cup.

Polo

A certain measure of success has been achieved by the team from the Battalion that has entered for tournaments during the past season, and as a result several young officers have bought ponies and are now starting to play.

The performance put up by the team in the Infantry Tournament was very creditable. Considering the fact that the Battalion has never before entered for it, the fact of getting into the Final and beating the holders (the Rifle Brigade) in the Semi-final, may be looked upon with considerable satisfaction. The Durham Light Infantry, who won the Tournament, were a very well-drilled and well-mounted team, and the score was hardly greater than might have been expected.

The move of the Battalion to Razmak will bring Polo to a standstill for about a year, and as a result players are selling most of their ponies. It is a great pity that it should be so, but the expense of keeping ponies to play occasional games on the stony aerodrome, which is the only flat (?) piece of ground at our new station, is too great to be worth while.

However, there is now plenty of material for forming a team again, and by careful buying of ponies and hard training it is hoped to get together a really good side on our return from the Frontier.

The following is a Report on the various Tournaments, for which a Regimental side was entered in 1924–25 :—

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The Infantry Tournament

Extract from the *Civil and Military Gazette* of February 25th, 1925 :—

POLO AT RAWALPINDI
THE INFANTRY TOURNAMENT
DURHAMS WIN FINAL

RAWALPINDI, *February 20th.*

In the Infantry Open Polo Tournament for a cup presented by the late Earl of Airlie, eight teams entered. In the first game the 2nd Battalion the Seaforth Highlanders easily beat the 1st Battalion the Royal Fusiliers by 9 goals to 1. In the second game the 2nd Battalion Durham L.I. disposed of the 60th Rifles by 5 goals to 1. In the bottom half the Sherwood Foresters beat the Royal Scots Fusiliers by 3 goals to 2 after a good game, and the Rifle Brigade easily beat the K.O.Y.L.I. by 6 goals to 1.

THE SEMI-FINALS

The first game in the Semi-finals played this afternoon was between the Seaforth Highlanders and the Durham Light Infantry.

Final Scores : Durhams 3, Seaforths 0.

SHERWOOD FORESTERS V. RIFLE BRIGADE

The second Semi-final was between the Sherwood Foresters and Rifle Brigade.

First Chukker : From the throw-in the Rifles ran down and Bosville, who had things all to himself, missed. Immediately after the Foresters attacked and Gamble scored. On changing ends Bosville made good for the Rifles by finding the Flags, and immediately after put his side ahead.

Second Chukker : After pressing the Rifles, the Foresters were awarded a 60 yards' hit which did not prove fruitful.

Third Chukker : After the interval the Foresters found the Flags and drew level just before the close of this period.

Fourth Chukker : From the throw-in, after some sticky play, the Foresters ran down and Ebsworth scored, and immediately after, Hudson put his side level. The scores being three all, extra time was necessitated.

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Extra Time: The Foresters attacked and Cavendish found the Flags.

Final Scores: Sherwood Foresters 4, Rifle Brigade 3.

The Umpires for both games were Col. Willan and Mr. Hope.

THE FINAL

The Final was played on Saturday between the Durham Light Infantry, represented by Mr. Ware, Capt. Beart, Col. Jeffreys and Capt. Percy (back), and the Sherwood Foresters comprising Col. Hart, Capts. Cavendish and Gamble, and Capt. Ebsworth (back).

Umpires: Col. Willan and Mr. Hope.

First Chukker: From the throw-in the Durhams were on the offensive, and scored through Ware, after which, if anything the Foresters had the better of the game, but just before the bugle was sounded the Durhams scored again.

Second Chukker: Shortly after the throw-in the Durhams again scored. About half-way through, a good save by Percy prevented the Foresters from scoring. The scores at the interval were in favour of the Durhams by 3 goals to 0.

Third Chukker: On resuming the Durhams ran down and narrowly missed, but immediately after scored. On changing ends Gamble reduced the lead, but the Durhams again scored through Jeffreys, and once again before the end of the Chukker.

Fourth Chukker: The Durhams had things all their own way and added two more goals.

Final Scores: Durhams 8, Foresters 1.

At the conclusion of the game Mrs. Knight presented the Challenge Cup and Miniatures to the winning team.

Rawalpindi Tradesmen's Cup

In the above Tournament, played in March, our team was composed as follows: Lt.-Col. Hart (No. 1), Capt. Douglas (No. 2), Capt. Gamble (No. 3), Capt. Ebsworth (back). In the first round we met the 11th P.A.V.O. Cavalry, B Team, and managed to beat them after a most exciting match. The full time of four Chukkers was played, and on the bugle sounding the score stood at four all. Extra time was played, but after the full time of seven and a half minutes no further

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goals had been scored, although there had been several shots made by both sides which missed by the narrowest of margins. A sixth Chukker had therefore to be played, and we managed to score, after about three minutes' play, thus winning by 5 goals to 4.

In the Second Round we met a better side in the Paternosters who were handicapped at 11, and although we received 4 goals on the handicap, were beaten 8 to 5. In this game we played badly at the start and never really settled down until the third Chukker, after which we had as much of the game as our opponents.

The Paternosters were eventually beaten in the Final by the P.A.V.O. Cavalry A Team by 6 to 5.

Abbottabad Tournament

We entered a team for the above, composed as follows :

Capt. Platt (No. 1), Mr. Bleck (No. 2), Capt. Gamble (No. 3), Capt. Ebsworth (back).

In the First Round we met the Guides Cavalry and managed to beat them after a good game, winning by 3 goals to 2. In the Second Round we were beaten by the 8th K.G.O. Light Cavalry by 15 to 6. They were altogether too good and too well mounted a side for us, but we did not put up too bad a performance, considering that several of our ponies were badly knocked about in the first game, and were really hardly fit to play.

The following Officers are now playing Polo in addition to those mentioned above : 2nd Lieut. A. J. Lucas, 2nd Lieut. H. F. Meynell, 2nd Lieut. R. W. Jackson, 2nd Lieut. L. J. G. Showers, U.L.I.A., and 2nd Lieut. I. F. Lang, U.L.I.A.

HOCKEY NOTES, SEASON 1924–25

For this season a new Competition was started in the Battalion—an Inter Half-Company League. It brought out a lot of fresh talent in the Companies, and was eventually won by the Left Half of B Company, after a strenuous game against the Right Half of that Company.

In the Inter Company League great things were expected from B Company, but after rather a disappointing game with H.Q. Wing in the Final they were beaten 3–0. The start was

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Capt. R. V. C. CAVENDISH, M.C. (No. 2), Capt. W. A. EBSWORTH (Back), Capt. G. M. GAMBLE (No. 3), Lt.-Col. R. S. HART, D.S.O (No. 1)

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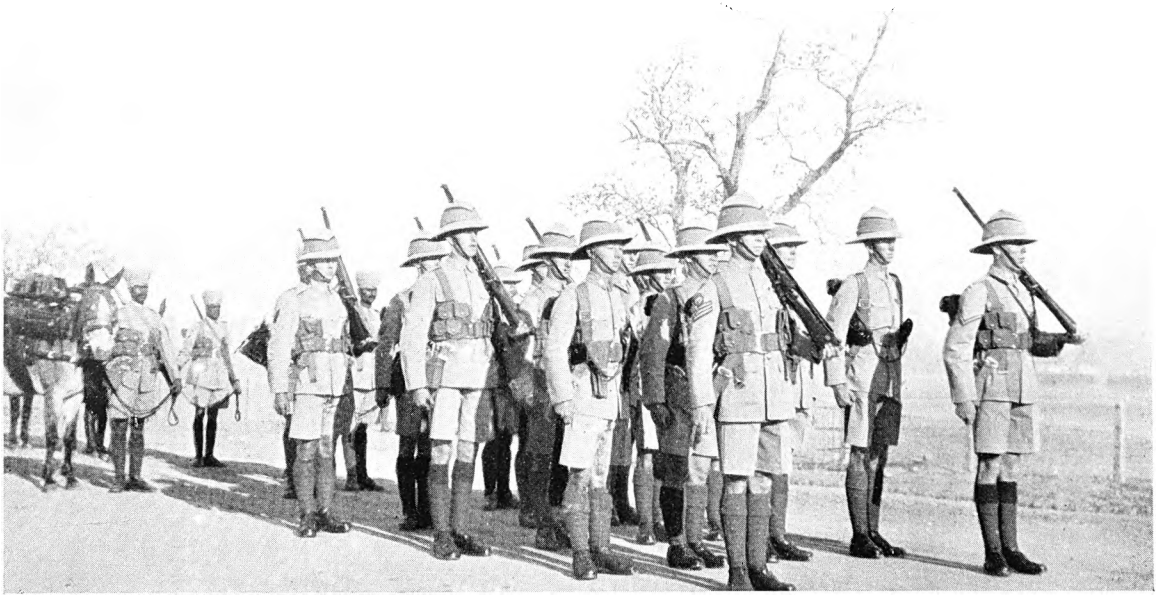

2ND BATTALION THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS. MACHINE GUN PLATOON
WINNERS OF THE MACHINE GUN TURNOUT, RAWALPINDI DISTRICT MILITARY TOURNAMENT, 1925

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somewhat scrappy, and after the score was 2–0 in favour of H.Q. there was no doubt as to the result.

H.Q. Wing were the previous holders.

All Companies entered sides for the North Western Railway Tournament, but met with little success—the King's Own, offered little resistance, but the H.Q. side of the 60th Rifles carried all before them.

The result of the Rawalpindi District Competition was a repetition of last year, the Battalion again being beaten in the Final by the 60th Rifles. It was a fast game, and the result lay in the balance throughout till the final goal was scored on time, 2–3.

The Battalion did not enter a side for the Lintott Shield this season, owing to the fact that a number of the regular players were away. This has been a disadvantage in all the competitions for which we have entered.

When the whole side played together the difference was very noticeable.

Since last year Capt. M. J. Kenny has left, Lieut. C. E. Bleck has not been allowed to play for medical reasons, and Pte. Baker was transferred home. Their loss has been felt in the forward line and defence, but by degrees their places are being filled by new talent.

Games played 15, won 8, lost 4, drawn 3.

Athletic Notes, 1924

Battalion Athletic Tests, 1924

The Battalion Athletic Tests were carried out with regularity during 1924, and great keenness was shown by all ranks, especially towards the end of the year.

The Tests now carried out are under the most stringent conditions, a Battalion Athletic Test Book being kept by the Battalion Sports Officer, who personally makes all entries.

From January to April the Tests carried out on the West Ridge Garrison Sports Ground were continued up to October on the Gharial Flats, Murree Hills, and were completed on return to Rawalpindi.

The Cross-country was run off from Victoria Barracks on December 22nd and 23rd, the course being about 4½ miles in

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length, chiefly a road race, owing to the difficulty of "running" over khuds and nullahs with which the open country abounds.

The standard times and method of scoring were the same as for 1923. Letter B Company again carried off the Shield, a greatly increased total of 91 per cent of points obtainable, with letter A Company a close second with 87 per cent.

Letter A Company made a gallant effort to catch their rivals towards the end of the year, but B Company had made an early start and could not be passed.

The general standard in the Battalion is very high and before long (if the tests are not made more difficult) we can confidently look forward to a time when some Company may score a "Possible."

The figures below show the great improvement made during the past three years :—

1922.	Letter	D	Company,	Winners	with	43	per cent.
1923.	,,	B	,,	,,	,,	55	,,
1924.	,,	B	,,	,,	,,	91	,,

OPEN ATHLETICS IN RAWALPINDI

During the winter of 1924–25 there have been a few Open Events at the Sports of other units, and our Battalion sprinters have been showing good form. At the Battalion Sports of the 60th Rifles, at West Ridge, in the Quarter-mile Open, Pte. Fletcher, B Company, 2nd Foresters, ran into second place and was unlucky not to win.

The Battalion Relay Team have carried all before them. At the 52nd Light Infantry Sports at West Ridge, on November 11th, 1924, there was an open Relay Race included in the programme. We entered two teams, there being five other teams from other units against us.

Result: Foresters A Team, 1st.

220 *Yards:* Bdsmn. Brewster, Corpl. Old. 440 *Yards:* Lce.-Corpl. Shardlow. 880 *Yards:* Pte. Wardle.

Foresters B Team, 2nd.

220 *Yards:* Lieut. Bernal, Pte. Newton. 440 *Yards:* Pte. Gough. 880 *Yards:* Pte. Taylor.

Our two teams were slow at the start, but soon made up

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ground, the Quarter-mile and Half-mile Relays putting the result beyond doubt. Pte. Wardle passed the post about 25 yards ahead of Pte. Taylor, and the next man, 60th Rifles' team, was well to the rear of our second string. Both teams received very handsome prizes—cups and watches.

At the R.A.S.C. Sports held at Chaklala, Rawalpindi, on March 21st, 1925, an Open Relay Race (British) was held, each team to consist of seven runners. Our team, showing distances to be run, was as follows :—

220 *Yards :* Bdsmn. Brewster. 220 *Yards :* Pte. Newton. 440 *Yards :* Lce.-Corpl. Shardlow. 880 *Yards :* Pte. Wardle. 440 *Yards :* Pte. Fletcher. 220 *Yards :* Lieut. Bernal. 220 *Yards :* Corpl. Old. Six Teams competed.

This long relay was a good test to see what kind of material we had in the Battalion and it proved to be a very exciting race. Our first relays were running against our opponents' best men and Lce.-Corpl. Shardlow could only hand over at 3rd place ; Wardle ran a well-judged half-mile and handed over 2nd, which Fletcher, running very strongly, converted into 1st place by 10 yards ; Lieut. Bernal increased the lead, and Corpl. Old carried our baton over the line 40 yards ahead of any other team.

The result was very popular with the large number of spectators, and each member of our team was presented with a small silver cup.

RAWALPINDI DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

On March 6th, 1925, the Rawalpindi District Cross-Country Run, took place over a course of about five and a quarter miles. The following represented the Battalion :—

Lieut. A. A. Dean, Sergt. Bramwell, M.M., Ptes. Birch, Tomlin, Longdon, Dmr. Foster, H.Q. Wing.

Ptes. Webber and Hammond, A Company.

Lce.-Corpl. Bickley, Ptes. Spencer, Adams and Morris, B Company.

Ptes. Wardle, Osborne and Straw, C Company.

Ptes. Robinson, Bush, Hallam, Howard and Grayson, D Company.

The 60th Rifles entered a fast and well-organised pack and

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literally walked away with the race, and the King's Own beat us for second place by one solitary point.

We were, however, a good third, beating the Signals and Gunners by a large margin.

At the present time the Battalion appears to be strong in sprinters and short distance men, but to lack natural cross-country runners.

Rawalpindi District Military Tournament

The Rawalpindi District Military Tournament, the great military display and competition of the year, was held on March 5th and 7th, 1925. Previous to these two dates we had been beaten by the Pack Battery R.A. in the heats of the Tug-of-War; this did not come as much of a surprise, as the Pack Battery were known to be a powerful and efficient team. We also lost the Lewis Gun Competition, being beaten by the K.O.R. Regiment.

The Battalion in this competition was represented by No. 4 Section, 13 Platoon, the section being commanded during the competition by Lce.-Corpl. J. Hunt.

An unlucky " jam " had a good deal to do with our team's low score in hits. The finals of the other British Infantry events took place on the newly constructed Sports Arena on Saturday, March 7th. The competitions were the Relay Race, Dismounted Assault Course, Vickers' Gun Turn-out, and the Alarm Race—and we were placed first in each event.

This phenomenal run of success was entirely due to the hard work, intensive training, and " esprit de corps " shown by all ranks of the Battalion in general and by the teams actually competing in particular. Many Officers and Men " pulled their weight " and helped tremendously, although not actually in any particular team.

Our first success of the day was in the Relay Race, each Battalion being represented by a team of four men selected from one individual Platoon. The conditions were: Dress, Fighting Order. Each man to run 220 yards. The Battalion was represented by Lce.-Corpl. Hodges, Bdsm. Brewster, Goodrum, and Halliwell, of the Band. The same team ran for the Battalion the previous year, being beaten by inches only

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by the 52nd Light Infantry. We led from start to finish, winning easily by about 50 yards.

Our next victory was the Dismounted Assault Course.

Then came the Vickers' Gun Sub-section Turn-out, Marching Order. This event we had won the year before, but this year, besides awarding points for turn-out, a practical test was included in the competition. The test was "Coming into Action" and "Cease Firing," but no information was issued before the day the competition took place.

The turn-out was really wonderful and caused comment even amongst the Judges, and, as we were ahead on points for the two practical tests as well, we were placed first, beating the 60th Rifles, who were second, by a comfortable margin of 23 points (108 to 85).

The competition meant a good deal of hard work for the M.G. Group and Regimental Transport.

The final and fourth successive victory was in the Alarm Race, which took place in the afternoon. Each Battalion was represented by one Platoon; our Platoon being No. 2 Platoon, commanded by 2nd Lieut. H. F. Meynell, but for the purpose of this competition, the Platoon was commanded by Lce.-Sergt. G. Booth.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Lady Jacob presented the trophies; for winning the Assault Course, the Battalion was presented with a small Silver Cup which is our property permanently, and for winning the three major events we received three beautiful Challenge Trophies, which we hold for one year.

Other News of Interest

The Battalion has during the past year also been active on the lighter side of life in India. While at Gharial, the Regimental Concert Party got busy, and gave a really first-class entertainment. There were numerous single and concerted items, Lieut. and Q.M. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., S.-Sergt. Adams, Corpl. Crawley, Ptes. Bell and Hill, and several more giving most entertaining turns. Unknown talent amongst the officers also appeared, Capt. N. A. McD. Walker producing a thrilling play called "Some Spy," which caused much

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laughter and amusement. The Regimental Jazz Band also gave some excellent selections under Bandmaster A. E. Harvey.

The Battalion took an active part in providing side shows at the Murree Fair, in aid of the Uniacke Soldiers' Residential Club. Sergt. Hart ran a most ingenious Wembley show which was much admired, and Lieut. and Q.M. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., assisted by S.-Sergt. Adams and several men of the Battalion, organized a coco-nut shy, ringing the duck, etc.

Our chief attraction was a " Barnum and Bailey " Freak Show, which caused roars of mirth, and won the first prize for the most attractive side-show in the Fair. The personnel of this monster show included Lieut. R. F. Bernal, Corpl. Crawley, Ptes. Bell and Birch—Ptes. Barrell and Bee being the Siamese Twins, and Pte. Baker a " Beautiful " fat lady, for three days in succession. Pte. Hill's amusing and artistic posters enticed many to visit and wonder at the Five Freaks.

During Christmas week spent at Victoria Barracks the usual annual festivities took place. A concert was organized by Lieut. and Q.M. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., who collected all our local talent, both officers and other ranks. Considering the fact that we had a fortnight previously returned from manœuvres, and therefore time for rehearsals had been very short, the show was very good, and was appreciated by all ranks.

During February the Band gave a concert of a really first-class order, the house being packed on both nights. Pte. Bell was again to the fore and was much appreciated, also Sergt. Bennett with his instrumental solos, but the whole cast was also word and action perfect.

The Band Concert Party gave several shows locally at other regimental theatres, and have always had a large and appreciative audience.

Educational Notes

Educational Training has progressed steadily during the last year.

During 1924 the main effort was made towards obtaining Third Class Certificates, with the result that between June

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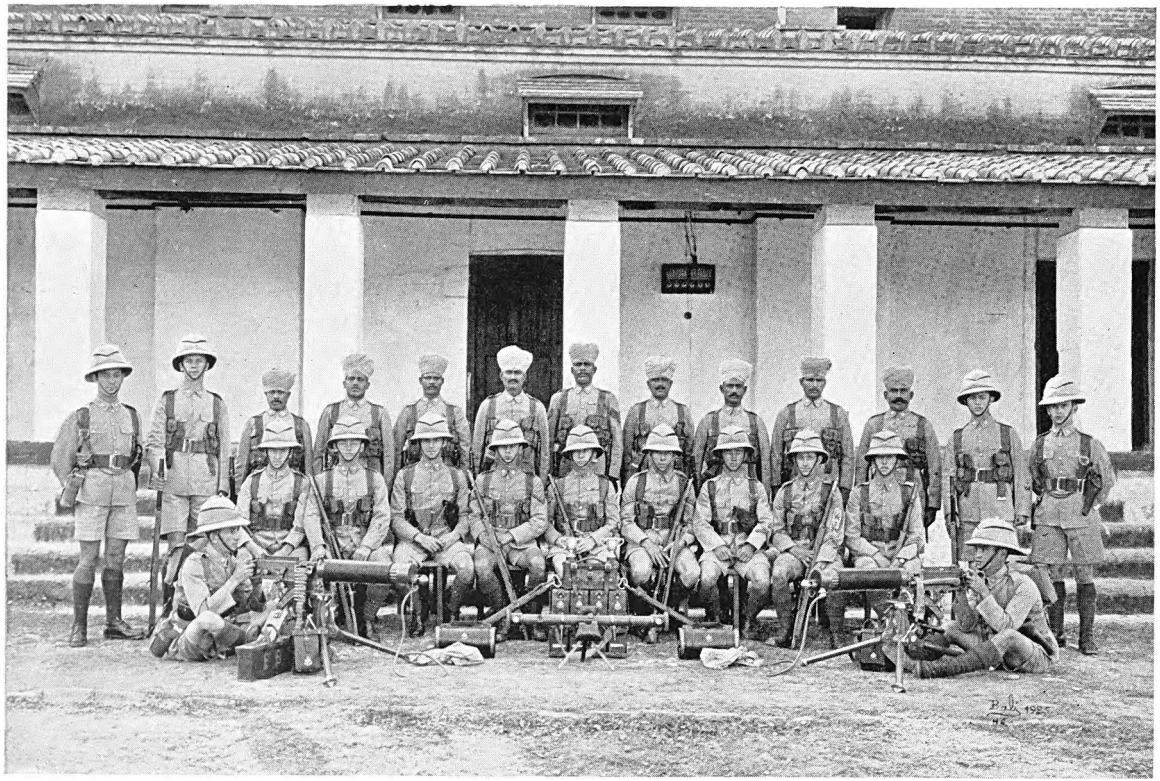

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M.G. SUB-SECTION, TURN-OUT AND DRILL. RAWALPINDI DISTRICT MILITARY TOURNAMENT. WINNERS, 1924–25

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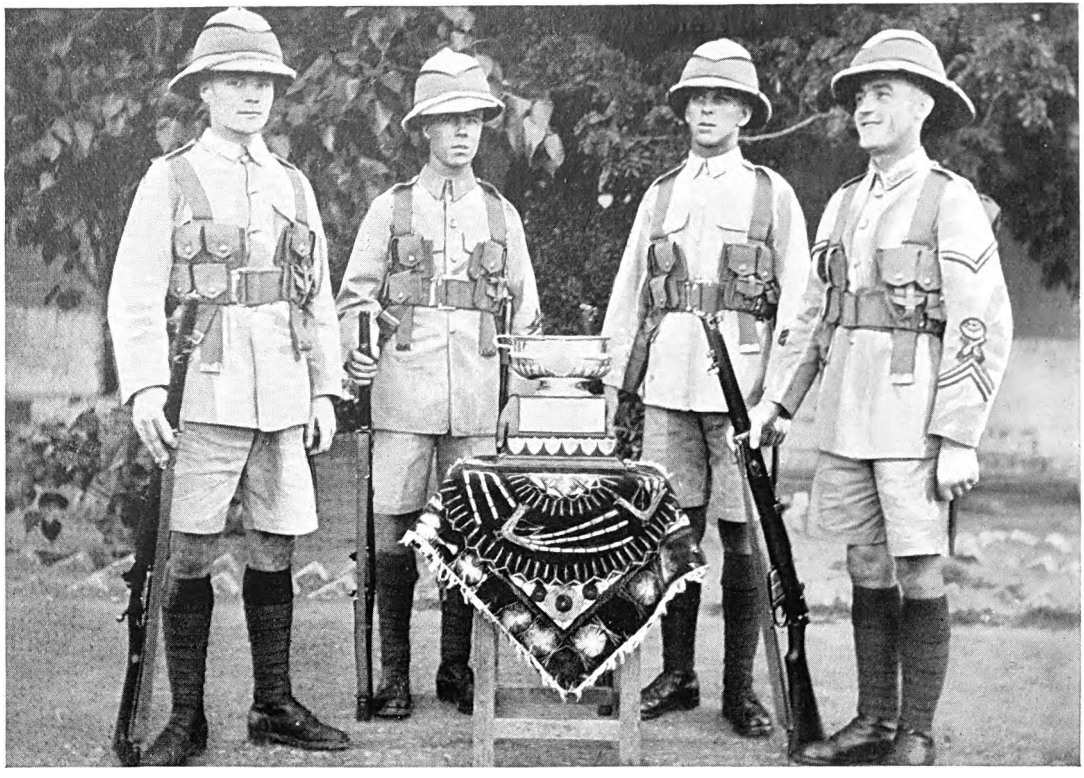

2ND BATTALION THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS' FIGHTING ORDER RELAY RACE
RUNNERS UP, 1923–24, WINNERS, 1925
Bdsmn. HALLIWELL, Bdsmn. GOODWIN, Bdsmn. BREWSTER, Lce.-Cpl. HODGES

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(when the last account was written for the Annual) and the end of the year, forty-eight Certificates were gained. Second Class Certificates were not neglected however, and of these fifteen were obtained.

In addition, Sergt. Delmore and Pte. Hill obtained First Class Certificates.

During 1925 we are concentrating on Second Class Certificates, and gained fourteen at the March examination.

The results of the June examination have not yet been received.

The policy has been to select about six men from each company to attend Battalion School for three months, i.e. from after one examination until the next. About half-way through the course an eliminating test is held, and those who pass that go on and sit for the examination.

About fourteen candidates are attending the Special Class for the First Class Certificates.

After serving with the Battalion for four years, W.O. Instructor E. A. Darling has gone to the United Kingdom on medical grounds, his place being taken by Sergt.-Instructo W. A. Levers, A.E.C.

The Rifle Club, 1924–25

Shooting for the " Summer Cup " took place at the following ranges: Snapshooting, 200 yards; Kneeling, 300 yards; Application, 400 and 500 yards; 5 rounds, Rapid, 500 yards.

The method of scoring was as follows :—

The various practices were fired several times during the year, and the best score that a man obtained at the various practices was taken as his score for the " Summer Cup."

The shoots took place on Sundays and Thursdays, and were always well attended.

The shooting of the Battalion improves each year. This is due, in no small measure, to the Battalion Rifle Club.

The Summer Cup and the Sergeants' Mess monthly shoots are being carried out during the Season 1925–26, on much the same lines as last year, and it is hoped that all ranks will maintain the same keenness as in the past, and realize the great benefit to be derived from the Rifle Club.

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It raises the shooting ability of the individual and the standard of the Battalion's musketry.

The results of the "Summer Shoot," which was fired for at Gharial, and at Rawalpindi, were as follows:—

Best Shot, Privates: Pte. (now Lce.-Corpl.) Post, H.Q. Wing. Score, 151.

Winner of Class B (2nd and 3rd Class Shots): Pte. Wain, A Company. Score, 106.

Best Shot, W.O.'s and Sergts.: C.Q.M.S. Mortimer, B Company. Score, 133.

Winner of Class A (Marksmen or 1st Class Shots): Pte. (now Lce.-Corpl.) Post, H.Q. Wing. Score, 151.

Best Shot, Corpls. and Lce.-Corpls.: Lce.-Corpl. Banner, B Company. Score, 105.

Best Shot, 300 yards, Rapid (All Ranks): C.Q.M.S. Mortimer, B Company. Score, 29 (H.P. Score, 30).

Results of Summer Cup (ten best men in a Platoon): Highest P.S., 1700. 1st, No. 7 Platoon, B Company. Score, 1047. 2nd, No. 6 Platoon, B Company. Score, 886. 3rd, No. 20 Platoon, H.Q. Wing. Score, 754.

Results of Sergts.' Shoot, 1924: May (2 Spoons), Sergt. Delmore, D Company, and C.S.M. I.M. McDermott, H.Q Wing. June (1 Spoon), C.Q.M.S. Armstrong, D.C.M., C Company. July (1 Spoon), C.Q.M.S. Mortimer, B Company. August (1 Spoon), Sergt. Cooling, H.Q. Wing. September (1 Spoon), Sergt. Adams, H.Q. Wing. October (1 Spoon), Sergt. White, A Company.

Annual Shoot (December): Sergts.' Shooting Cup, Sergt. Pickard, H.Q. Wing. Spoons—1st, Sergt. Pickard, H.Q. Wing; 2nd, Sergt. Doherty, D. Company; 3rd, Sergt. Dunkerley, B Company.

Army Rifle Association: The Royal Irish Cup team were eighth in this competition, 1924–25, for which a prize of £2 was received.

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DEPOT NOTES

DURING the past year the Depot has raised eleven Standard Squads, of which seven have been fully trained and dispatched to join the 1st Battalion at its station.

Of the eleven Squads two have been raised by the Newcastle-on-Tyne Area, and the remaining nine in our own County Recruiting Area.

To assist in increasing the strength of the Army Reserve, the County Recruiting Officers are now enlisting two men per Squad for three and nine years, the remainder of the Squad being for the normal engagement of seven years with the Colours and five with the Army Reserve.

The great majority of the recruits are an intelligent lot, and take a great interest in all their work and play, and should, in time, make the Regiment up to its old standard.

Educational Training at the Depot goes with a swing. Recruits who obtain 80 per cent and upwards of marks in each Subject are now awarded a Distinguished Third Class Certificate. Twenty-seven of these Certificates have been awarded to the recruits in the last twelve months. During the same period 250 recruits have obtained Third Class Certificates, five recruits have obtained Second Class Certificates, whilst at the Depot twenty-two of the Depot Staff have obtained their Second Class Certificates, and four of the Depot Staff have been awarded their First Class Certificates. In addition 80 per cent of the recruits drafted to the 1st Battalion have been in possession of Third Class Certificates.

Sergt. Mr. Cook P. G. Bradley, during the year competed in the Cooking Tournament held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, and was placed Third in the Master Cooks'

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Competition for the Army, gaining the Bronze Medal and Diploma for same.

During the year Lieut. J. K. L. Roberts Asst.-Adjutant, completed his tour of duty at the Depot, and proceeded to join the 1st Battalion at Blackdown prior to its proceeding to its Irish Station. He has been succeeded by Lieut. C. H. A. Sturge from 1st Battalion as Acting Adjutant; Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O., has also joined the Depot for duty from 2nd Battalion vice Capt. J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., who has rejoined the 2nd Battalion in Rawalpindi.

The Depot has had a very successful Sporting Year. The Depot Football Team again won the Championship of the Derby Wednesday League. The Recruits' Team reached the Final of the Northern Command Inter-Depot Recruits' Challenge Cup for the third time, and played the Depot of the Green Howards in the Final at York. Unfortunately we lost 1–0. This was caused mainly by the rule that debarred a man with more than 140 days' service from competing in the Final. On the date fixed by the Northern Command Sports' Control Board, five of our best players had exceeded the limit by one day. An amendment to the Rules has been made for this season to the effect that if a recruit has taken part in the Semi-Final, he will be eligible to play even if he has more than the 140 days' service.

At Cricket we have played 28 matches, of which we have won 16 and lost 12. This success has been principally due to Capt. B. G. Allen and C.S.M. Townsend, who have proved a tower of strength to the team. Against the Derbyshire Friars on the County Ground we did a most excellent Batting performance. Batting first the Friars declared with 275 for 7 wickets; on the call of time we had made 255 for 4 wickets (Capt. B. G. Allen 101 out and C.S.M. Townsend 75 not out). Time alone robbed us of victory against a very strong Friars' XI.

Capt. B. G. Allen has played several times for the Derbyshire Friars and has an average of 39 for them.

In the Inter-Depot Boxing Competition we again fought the recruits of the Depot of the Leicestershire Regiment, in the Physical Training School at Derby, and after a series of splendid fights we retained the Cup by six fights to four.

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DEPOT SHERWOOD FORESTERS FOOTBALL CLUB, SEASON 1924–25

WINNERS OF THE DERBYSHIRE WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Back Row—O.R.Q.M.S. THOMPSON (A. Sec.), Pte. DELAHAYE, C.S.M. TOWNSEND, Lce.-Cpl. PALMER, Pte. BOOTH, Sgt.-Instr. NICHOLLS (Trainer)

Middle Row—Sgt-Ck. BRADLEY, Lce.-Cpl. WHITTLE, Lieut. P. N. WHITE (Capt.), Cpl. NEEP, W. O. DODDS (A.E.C.)

Front Row—Lce.-Cpl. BAUGH, Pte. BIRD

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This was a very fine performance, although there was little to choose between the two teams. This event was the climax of a successful Recruits' Boxing Season, during which six meetings were held with entries totalling 209.

The Recruits' Athletic records are gradually improving. At present they are as follows :—

100 *Yards :* Rect. E. Stuart, March 25, 11⅘ sec.
High Jump : Rect. H. Saunders, July 25, 5 ft. 1 in.
Standing Long Jump : Rect. H. Gill, April 25, 8 ft. 3 in.
Heaving 16-lb. Shot : Rect. G. Kime, January 25, 29 ft.
Running Stride : Rect. H. Gill, April 25, 15 ft. 1 in.
3 *Miles :* Rect. H. Wood, February 24, 16 min. 12 sec.

Amusements in the Depot were well kept up during the past Winter Season.

The Sergeants' Mess was well to the fore with Dances and Whist Drives, which were followed by Concerts.

Capt. and Q.M. F. W. Langley was in charge of the amusements of the Junior Ranks, and provided many Whist Drives and Concerts for them. These were also well attended by many civilian friends, who quite appreciate the privilege of attending them. Capt. Langley has also got together a very nice Concert Party, who will give their services during the coming winter.

Mrs. Parker and the members of the Mothers' Union of the Depot have also run some very successful Whist Drives during the past winter, which have been well attended by the troops.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess also ran a most successful Whist Drive in aid of the National Library for the Blind. Fifty-five tables were occupied, and a sum of £15 8s. was handed over to the treasurer.

At Basket Ball, June 25 Squad won the Recruits' Competition, defeating May Squad by 16 goals to 0.

At Hockey we anticipate quite a successful season. A full fixture list has been arranged with good local teams, and we are assured of some good sport.

During the year the whole of the antiquated gas lighting has been removed and replaced with electric light.

The entrance to the Depot has been very much improved,

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and is now railed round and painted in the Regimental Colours, and two 4.5 captured German guns placed inside the railings.

The town of Derby has always been a good matrimonial centre for the Regiment, and the past year has maintained its record. No less than seven Derby Eves have found their Soldier Adams from the Depot.

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5TH BATTALION NOTES

THE Battalion found itself at the commencement of the Training Season with a strength of 20 Officers and 481 Other Ranks; much was done in the way of recruiting, and a very excellent meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Derby, on 21.2.25, when the A.P.T.S. (by kind permission of Col. Heathcote, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) from Aldershot put up a splendid programme. A number of recruits were secured both at the meeting and afterwards, and I am also certain that it will do a lot of good in the future.

Recruiting in Derby is very much below the average at present.

Another Recruiting Meeting was held at Swadlincote for the benefit of D Company; this proved a success, as the recruiting in this area turned out to be very good prior to Camp.

The strength of the Battalion prior to going under canvas was 21 Officers and 501 Other Ranks, out of which 20 Officers and 480 Other Ranks actually reported for Annual Training at Catterick, this being a very excellent percentage.

The following are the numbers enlisted in each Company since the 1.11.24 :—

Headquarter Wing . . .	26
A Company	27
B Company	38
C Company	31
D Company	24

The following Officers joined the Battalion and were posted to companies as follows :—

2nd Lieut. A. H. Hunt (Clifton College O.T.C.), C Company.

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2nd Lieut. R. A. F. Longdon (Rugby School O.T.C.), C Company.

2nd Lieut. J. B. Fenwick (Uppingham O.T.C.), M.G. Platoon.

2nd Lieut. V. H. Ward, D Company.

No changes occurred among the Officers.

C.S.M. W. Pain from the 1st Battalion, took over the duties of A/R.S.M.

The following qualified during the year for the Territorial Efficiency Medal :—

No. 4961294 Corpl. Fahy, B Company. 4961298 Lce.-Corpl. Hodgkinson, A Company. 4960686 Bdsmn. Lovell, E., H.Q. Wing.

Training this year was carried out on Sundays by char-à-banc parties; this proved an enormous success, and was well attended by all ranks, each Company being allowed six outings.

The Battalion is much indebted to Capt. Drury Lowe and Mr. Herbert Wragg for the great assistance they gave us by allowing us the use of their ground for training purposes.

The M.G. Platoon under 2nd Lieut. J. B. Fenwick carried out its training at Belper, where some excellent firing demonstrations were carried out. The keenness shown this year by the M.G. Platoon has been very marked, and the drill attendances have been good.

The Signal Section has been very weak, but I now think we have turned the corner by securing the services of Sergt. Evans as Signal Sergeant.

A Battalion Route March was held in Derby on 16.5.25 and was well attended by all ranks. The Battalion formed up near the Midland Station and marched through the main streets to the Race Course where, after a brief spell, the Companies were exercised by their respective Commanders. If as much keenness were shown in joining the Battalion as was displayed by the people of Derby during this Parade, the Battalion would soon find itself up to establishment.

On Sunday, 28.6.25, the Annual Rifle Meeting was held on the Belper Rifle Range. This was very well attended and great keenness was displayed by all. The shooting was good.

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Back Row—2nd Lieut. C. O. M. LILLEY, 2nd Lieut. F. K. PARKER, Lieut. J. H. ROE, Capt. H. H. LILLEY, Lieut. B. D. SHAW, M.M., 2nd Lieut. J. B. FENWICK, 2nd Lieut. J. R. FREEMAN

Middle Row—2nd Lieut. R. A. F. LONGDON, 2nd Lieut. V. H. WARD, 2nd Lieut. A. H. HUNT, Lieut. M. D. KEMP, Lieut. T. POWDITCH Capt. W. T. GREENFIELD

Front Row—Capt. F. G. ROBINSON, Capt. L. H. FINCH, T.D., Major J. D. KERR, M.C., T.D., Lt.-Col. B. H. BEAUMONT-CHECKLAND, M.C., T.D. Capt. M. H. COOPER (Adjt), Capt. and Quartermaster J. W. KEITH, Capt. F. H. SUTHERLAND

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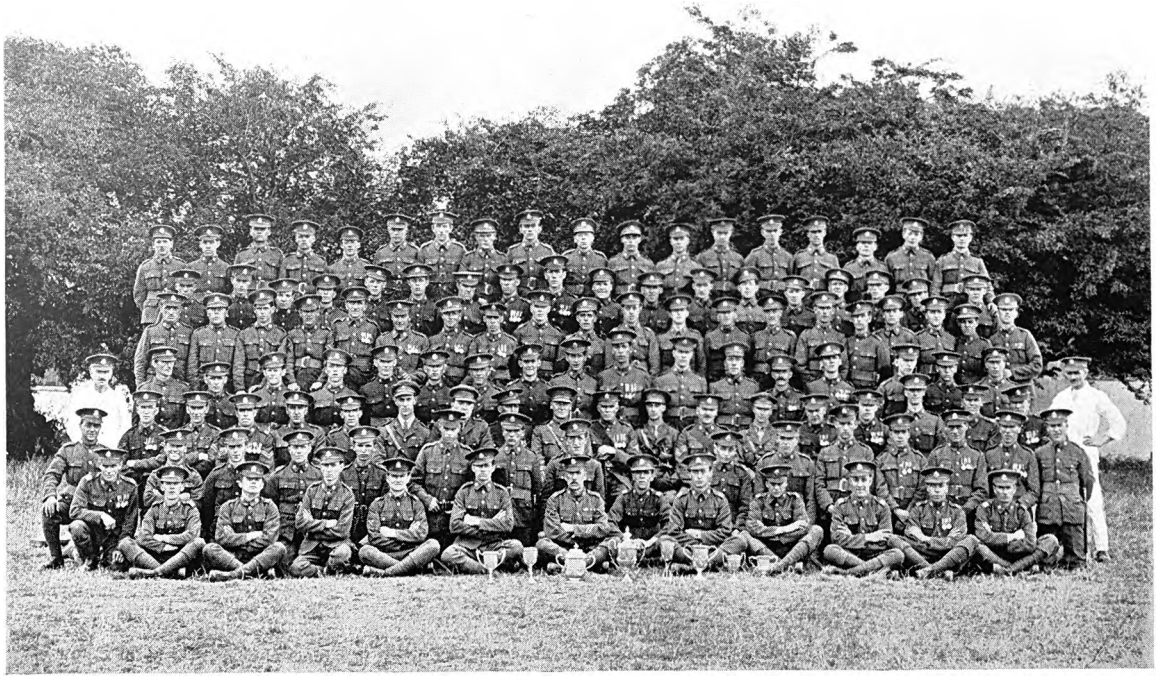

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Most of the cups went to B Company, who arrived with the intention of taking them all, and nearly succeeded, as the following list shows :—

Annual Rifle Meeting, 28.6.25

COMPETITION WINNERS

1. *Vickers Gun :* No. 2 Gun Team.
2. *Inter-Section Knock Out :* B Company.
3. *Lewis Gun :* B Company.
4. *Recruits :* C Company.
5. *W.O.'s and Senior N.C.O.'s :* B Company.
6. *Junior N.C.O.'s and Ptes. :* B Company.
7. *W.O.'s and Sergts. (Regular Army) :* R.S.M. L. Parker, Depot, The Foresters).
8. *Officers :* Lieut. B. D. Shaw, M.M., B Company.

Grand Aggregate, " The Vernon Cup " : B Company.

The Battalion also entered two teams for a cup and medals presented by Mr. John Hall, the competition for which was held at Thorpe Cloud Range in May, 1925. One team from each of the 6th Battalions of the Foresters and North Staffords also competed, the 6th Battalion the Foresters winning by a narrow margin.

At Camp, 1925

The Battalion went under canvas at Catterick from 26.7.25 to 9.8.25. The Advance Party under Capt. J. W. Keith proceeded on 22.7.25, and worked well, as on the arrival of the main body no faults could be found.

The first week of Camp was spent in Platoon and Company Training which was carried out independently by Companies. The advance made in Section and Platoon Leading was very noticeable, which I entirely credit to the Sunday outings prior to Camp. During the second week the Battalion, under the command of Major J. D. Kerr, M.C.T.D., carried out an attack against a flagged enemy which was umpired by Regular Officers. This attack was carried out most successfully with the Commanding Officer as Chief Umpire. The

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Brigade Commander was very pleased with the work of the Battalion during this attack, and was particularly struck by the keenness shown by all ranks, the recruits in particular.

On Saturday, the 8.8.25, the Battalion marched past the Colonel of the Regiment. This March Past was only practised once, and Gen. Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, in addressing the Brigade after the ceremony, stated that he was more than surprised at the steadiness in the ranks and the high sense of discipline displayed. The Battalion returned to Derby on 9.8.25 after one of the most successful Camps since the War, and all ranks thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Since the return from Camp "The John Hall Cup" has been competed for. Teams from 5th Foresters, 4th Leicesters and 6th North Staffords assembled at the Burton-on-Trent Range to decide this most interesting event on 27.9.25. The Battalion team lost by a few points to the 4th Leicester Regt., but C.S.M. A. Lees, D Company, won the prize given for the highest score of the day.

Annual Sports

The Annual Sports were held on 5.8.25 and were well attended. Numerous entries were received for all events, and much excitement prevailed. The chief events are given below :

Tug-o'-War : B Company (5th year in succession).
Relay Race : B Company.
Three-Mile Cross-Country : Dr. Swales, Headquarter Wing.

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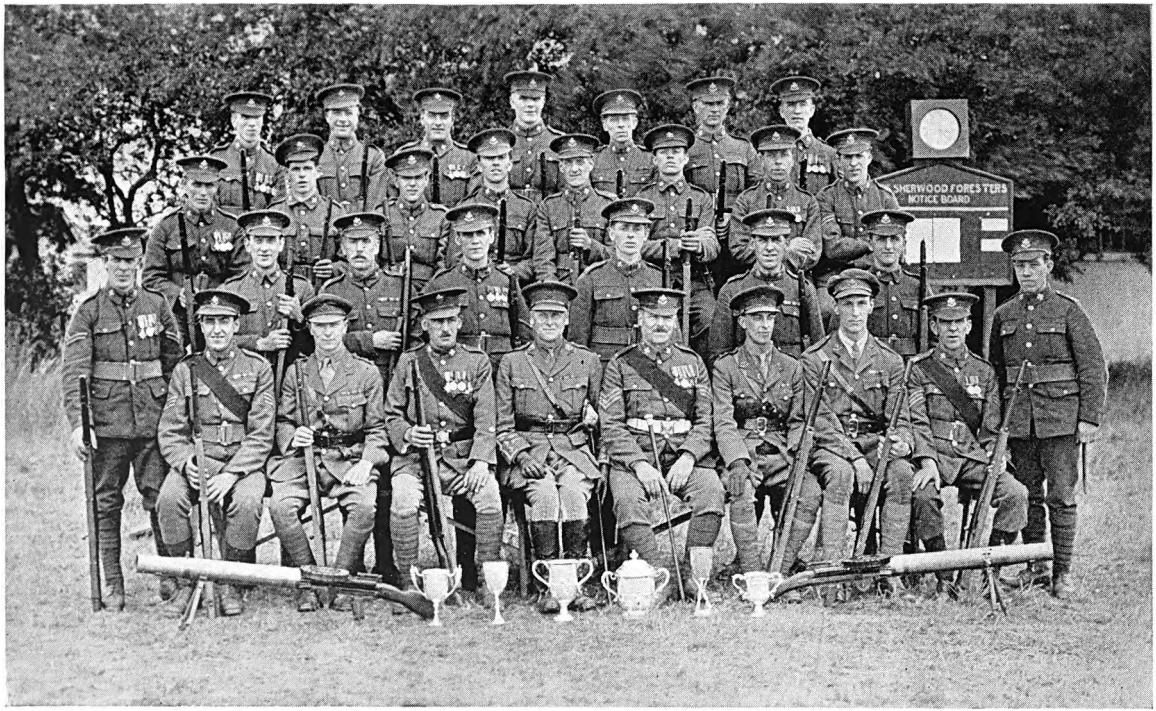

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6TH BATTALION NOTES

THE outstanding item in the history of the Battalion for the past year is Col. Hall's retirement.

Col. Hall's service and devotion to the Battalion is a record that very few Territorial Army Officers can equal. He joined the Derbyshire Volunteer Battalion as a private in 1890 and obtained his commission in May, 1892; he was promoted Lieutenant in April, 1895, Captain in May, 1900. When the Territorial Force was formed, in 1908, he was senior Captain and Hon. Major. In May, 1912, he became substantive Major and held this rank until February, 1920. He went to the War as 2nd-in-Command of the Battalion, and was awarded the D.S.O.; after the War he undertook the very arduous duty of re-forming the Battalion, and remained in command until February, 1925, having been asked to remain in command for an extra year.

The present efficient state of the Battalion is a testimony of his devotion to the Battalion and of his work during the last five years of service in command. During his thirty-five years' service he endeared himself to all ranks, and his departure from the active list is keenly felt throughout the Battalion.

Major Dick has taken over command; he was gazetted a 2nd Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment in February, 1909, and transferred to the Battalion in November, 1912, and was posted to Letter F Company. On mobilization he took charge of the Transport, and later, in France, commanded B Company and was awarded the M.C.

After the War he was given command of D which had to be recruited from the old Letter F Company's area. He took over the duties of 2nd-in-Command in February, 1924.

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The 2nd-in-command of the Battalion is Major E. M. Brooke-Taylor, M.C., who has had fourteen years' service with the Battalion and re-formed C Company after the War.

Capt. Symonds and Capt. Clarke have filled the vacancies caused by the promotion of these two officers.

The Battalion has to face another change, as Capt. Nevitt's appointment as Adjutant terminates in October. Capt. Nevitt's departure is very much regretted by everyone, and all ranks wish him every success on returning to regimental duty. His period of adjutancy will be remembered for the help he has been to all ranks, and the state of efficiency the Battalion has reached under his guidance. Capt. Nevitt's departure is modified by the news that his successor is to be a Forester, being Capt. D'A. Whicher from the 1st Battalion, and all ranks are prepared to give him a warm welcome.

On Sunday, November 9th, 1924, the Battalion, less B and C Companies, accompanied the Mayor, Alderman Wakerley, to church on his taking over office for the second time ; after the service Bt.-Col. Hall unveiled a bronze tablet, replicas of which are being placed in many towns and villages in the two counties, referring to the Foresters' Memorial at Crich.

The Officers held their third ball since the War on December 5th at Buxton, which was voted a most enjoyable event, two hundred people attending.

A successful recruiting march was carried out on May 3rd last through B Company area (Chapel-en-le-Frith) ; the C.O. and Adjutant, with Band and Drums and a detachment of A Company, left the Drill Hall, Chesterfield, in chars-à-bancs at 9 a.m., and joined B Company at Buxton. Marches were carried out through the following places: Buxton, Dove Holes, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Whaley Bridge, Furnis Vale and New Mills ; at Chapel-en-le-Frith the detachment marched past Col. G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., T.D., who was accompanied by Col. E. Hall, D.S.O., T.D., a halt was made here and dinners were served in the Drill Hall. The Band and Drums attracted great attention as they were dressed in red for the first time since the war. The detachment was warmly greeted as it marched through each town, and the result of the march was most gratifying.

Annual Camp this year was held at Catterick, and although

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no one looked forward to going into huts it turned out to be the most enjoyable post-war camp held so far.

The training laid down by the Brigade Commander to be carried out was appreciated by all and found to be most instructive and progressive. The training finished with a "Battalion Day," at which the Battalion was greatly encouraged by their efforts being witnessed by Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., who spoke at the end of the operations, and whose words more than recompensed us for the work done this year, and gave us an incentive for further efforts.

Two very enjoyable cricket matches were played, the first, the Officers of the 6th, versus the Officers of the 8th; this match ended in a win on time for us by 9 runs. Lieut. Huskinson, who has played for Nottinghamshire and the Notts Gentlemen, nearly reversed the decision; he took the bowling for about the last 12 overs, and it was only his own keenness to win that got him bowled for 47 about 4 minutes before time. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Clarke made two brilliant catches in the deep field; it is hoped that this match will be an annual affair. The following were the scores:—

6th Battalion.

2/Lt. J. E. O. Walker, run out	0
Lt. A. J. Cooke, c Clarke, b Wordsworth	10
Capt. R. O. Nevitt, lbw. b Wordsworth	20
Major E. M. Brooke-Taylor, c Thompson, b Huskinson	12
Capt. B. Darbyshire, c Huskinson, b Renwick	0
2/Lt. J. L. W. Unwin, b Stephenson	17
Lt. A. B. Sparrow (2nd East Yorks), b Wordsworth	0
Rev. F. Gits, run out	20
Lt. J. O. Doyle (2nd N. Staff. Regt.), b Stephenson	0
Capt. H. H. Jackson, st Dowson, b Huskinson	18
Major V. O. Robinson, c Clarke b Wordsworth	13
2/Lt. F. A. Carline, not out	2
Extras	8
Total	120

8th Battalion.

Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, run out.	1
Lt. B. H. Dowson, b Sparrow.	10
Major R. Wordsworth, b Gits.	24
Lt. C. H. S. Stephenson, b Sparrow	0
Lt. G. N. B. Huskinson, b Cooke	47
Capt. Thompson (2nd N. Staff. Regt.), b Carline	1
Capt. C. Davenport, c & b Carline	0
Capt. W. C. C. Weetman, c Nevitt, b Cook	6
Capt. T. A. Ford, b Cook	1
Lt. Renwick, lbw. b Gits	1
Lt. J. M. G. Browne, b Cook	2
2/Lt. E. G. C. Beckwith, not out	0
Extras	18
Total	111

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In the second, the Officers *versus* the Sergeants of the Battalion, the Officers nearly succeeded in beating the Sergeants by an innings, but they just prevented it; Capt. H. H. Jackson, one of the great cricketing family of Jacksons, most ably skippered the Officers' side; after having dismissed the Sergeants for 35, the Officers proceeded to knock up 75 for the loss of 8 wickets, Capt. Jackson opening the Officers' score with a hefty 6; he declared at 75, leaving the Sergeants 41 to make in about three-quarters of an hour, this they succeeded in doing for the loss of 9 wickets. It is hoped that this will also be an annual affair, the scores were as follows:—

Sergeants

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
C.Q.M.S. Isherwood, c & b Carline	0	b Nevitt	0
Sergt. Milner, run out	4	run out	13
Sergt. Allsop, c & b Carline	3	c Taylor, b Nevitt	1
C.Q.M.S. Green, run out	6	b Unwin	17
Sergt. Sullivan, c Nevitt, b Gits	5	run out	1
Sergt. Slade, c Robinson, b Carline	3	c Nevitt, b Unwin	1
Sergt. Wibberley, b Unwin	2	lbw. b Cook	1
Sergt. Upton, c Gits, b Cook	1	b Cook	5
Sergt. Blood, c Robinson, b Carline	4	c Gits, b Cook	1
Sergt. Watson, c & b Unwin	2		
C.Q.M.S. Bacon, not out	0	not out	3
Sergt. Topliff, c Clarke, b Unwin	0	not out	10
Extras	5	Extras	1
Total	35	Total for 9 wkts.	54

Officers

2/Lt. J. E. O. Walker, c Green, b Allsop	6
Capt. H. H. Jackson, s Bacon, b Isherwood	13
2/Lt. F. A. Carline, b Topliff	9
2/Lt. J. L. W. Unwin, c Wibberley, b Slade	9
Capt. R. O. Nevitt, c Bacon, b Slade	0
Lieut. A. J. Cook, c Allsop, b Wibberley	6
Rev. F. Gits, not out	24
Capt. J. Clarke, run out	2
Capt. B. Darbyshire, did not bat	
Major V. O. Robinson, c Topliff, b Wibberley	2
Lieut. J. O. Doyle, Lieut. C. L. Creswick } did not bat	
Extras	4
Total for 8 wkts.	75

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Promotions, Changes, Etc.

OFFICERS

The following promotions have taken place during the year: Major F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., to Lieutenant-Colonel. Capt. E. M. Brooke-Taylor, M.C., to Major. 2nd Lieut. C. L. Creswick, to Lieutenant.

OTHER RANKS

Promotions: To C.S.M.: 4960371 Sergt. J. Ramsden, MM., A Company. *To Sergts.*, 4960357 Corpl. G. Silcock, A Company; 4965290 Lce.-Sergt. S. Upton, A Company; 4960105 Corpl. W. Hopkinson, H.Q.W.; 4964736 Corpl. S. Blood, B Company; 4964654 Corpl. F. C. Smedley, D Company; 4965664 Lce.-Sergt. E. Burke, D Company; 4961211 Corpl. J. H. Watson, M.M., H.Q.W.; 4966024 Corpl. V. Allsop, H.Q.W.; 4966065 Pte. J. H. Radford, H.Q.W. *To Lce.-Sergts.*, 4960099 Corpl. J. Downs, H.Q.W.; 4961000 Corpl. C. B. Martin, C Company; 4960877 Corpl. J. W. Markham, A Company; 4966644 Corpl. R. Edge, C Company; 4961155 Corpl. W. Haywood, D Company. *To Corpl.*, 4966318 Lce.-Corpl. G. Rowan, A Company; 4961355 Lce.-Corpl. J. W. Marchington, B Company; 4967646 Lce.-Corpl. G. Taylor, B Company; 4967407 Lce.-Corpl. G. Wright, B Company; 4968221 Lce.-Corpl. J. Slack, B Company; 4967328 Lce.-Corpl. C. White, B Company; 4964969 Lce.-Corpl. G. R. Kay, D Company; 4964656 Lce.-Corpl. H. Crouch, D Company; 4966067 Lce.-Corpl. G. Urien, D Company; 4966333 Lce.-Corpl. F. Staniforth, D Company; 4968906 Lce.-Corpl. W. Todhunter, H.Q.W.; 4961051 Lce.-Corpl. T. S. Henman, H.Q.W.; 4947539 Lce.-Corpl. W. Lloyd, H.Q.W.

The following Officers have joined the Battalion during the year: Capt. B. Darbyshire, M.C., from R. of O.; 2nd Lieut. F. A. Carline; 2nd Lieut. J. L. W. Unwin.

The following Officers have left the Battalion during the year: Bt.-Col. E. Hall, D.S.O., T.D., on completion of command; Lieut. F. K. West (business reasons).

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

Lieut.-Col. F. M. Dick, M.C., the Territorial Decoration. 4961909 A/R.S.M. A. King, Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION (1ST CLASS)

4961871 Sergt. R. Slade obtained the necessary aggregate, but failed in mathematics.

POSTINGS TO PERMANENT STAFF

4964813 Sergt. R. Chambers to D Company vice 4963286 Sergt. A. Applebee to 1st Battalion. 4961472 C.S.M. G. Neynoe granted extension of tour of duty for a further period of twelve months with effect from 7.6.25. 4961457 Sergt. W. Topliff granted extension of tour of duty until 20/3/1926.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

4961909 A/R.S.M. A. King attended a Rifle Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, and qualified as " Q " 1.

PROMOTION EXAMINATION

The following N.C.O.'s qualified in the examination for promotion held at Catterick Camp, Tuesday, 28th July, 1925 : 4961353 Sergt. R. C. Purdy ; 4961000 Sergt. C. B. Martin ; 6644 Lce.-Sergt. R. Edge ; 7836 Corpl. C. G. Wesley ; 5345 Corpl. C. F. Sudbury ; 5197 Lce.-Sergt. R. B. Wibberley ; 3071 Sergt. J. Ramsden, M.M. ; 6316 Lce.-Sergt. P. Fox ; 5290 Sergt. S. Upton ; 9086 Sergt. F. Hallaby ; 4965 Sergt. G. W. Hunter ; 4256065 Sergt. J. H. Radforth ; 6214 Sergt. W. J. Frost ; 4965664 Sergt. E. Burke ; 1328 Corpl. J. S. Shaw ; 4654 Corpl. F. Smedley ; 6024 Corpl. V. Allsopp ; 1211 Corpl. J. H. Watson ; 4736 Sergt. S. Blood ; 2083 Corpl. W. Baker.

Enlistments from 30.10.24 to date, 127.

Discharges from 30.10.24 to date, 119.

Present strength of the Battalion, 18 Officers, 538 Other Ranks out of an establishment of 20 Officers, 636 Other Ranks.

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A Company Notes

The alterations to the Drill Hall at Chesterfield having been completed, and those at Clay Cross Drill Hall promised, the Company was able to carry out its programme of work, and also its social events. The Annual Ball was held on the 24th February, 1925, and was a great success. The Prize Shoot at Totley Range (kindly lent by the Officer Commanding the Hallamshire Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment) was not quite such a success as in former years, owing to the unfortunate weather. The events at the short range were completed, but after an excellent dinner a very thick mist came over, and it was impossible to see the targets at the longer ranges, but this did not afterwards prevent us having a very successful " Committee Meeting " at the Cross Scythes Hotel.

The cups and prizes were presented by Alderman George Clarke, J.P., at the Annual Dinner, which was well attended, and a success in every way.

The arrangements for the Shoot and Dinner were, as usual, very ably carried out by C.S.M. Holmes, but he has since retired from the Active List, having served with much credit to himself and the Battalion continuously since 1891 ; the Company will not lose his services altogether, however, as he has promised to assist whenever necessary in the social events of the Company. Sergt. (A/C.S.M.) J. Ramsden, M.M. (formerly of the 2nd Battalion), has been appointed in his place as C.S.M.

After carrying on with two officers for about two years the Company has now been made up to strength, 2nd Lieut. F. A. Carline having been posted to the Company.

The Company was fortunately blessed with very fine weather on the Sunday outings to Sutton Scarsdale, the tactical schemes were well planned and carried out, and were a real benefit to all ranks, as was realized later when carrying out Battalion and other schemes at Camp. The attendance was never less than 85 per cent.

The Annual Camp was a great success, all ranks enjoying themselves, and the huts proving themselves a great boon. In addition, Pte. Ravey (a son of ex-C.Q.M.S. Ravey, M.M.,

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who served for many years in the Company) won the Jackson Cup and the Edmunds Prize for the best turned out man in the Battalion with less than three years service. It was a splendid performance on the part of Pte. Ravey after only eight weeks' service. His brother, who joined at the same time, ran him close. Great credit is due to the youngsters, and also their father, who must have spent a great deal of spare time coaching them.

The Company can look back on the past year with every satisfaction. Good work has been done, excellent results obtained, and in addition a splendid spirit prevails throughout the Company.

B Company Notes

During the winter 1924/5 the various platoon headquarters were well patronized each week by members. This winter it is hoped to hold a Billiards Handicap for which a prize is to be given; shooting competitions on the miniature range are also to be held.

The 28th Annual Company Dance, held on the 17th February at the Whaley Bridge Drill Hall, proved the most successful yet held, and amongst the large assembly it was pleasing to see many ex-members of the Company. Col. E. Hall, D.S.O., T.D., made a speech of farewell on relinquishing the Command of the Battalion, and mentioned that Capt. C. V. H. C. Blackwall, T.D., regretted that for business reasons he was obliged to give up the command of the Company, but that Capt. B. Darbyshire, M.C., a former commander of B Company, was returning to it after being on the Reserve of Officers for a short time.

During the summer the weather has been most propitious and training has been much helped; the Musketry Course has been fired under ideal conditions, 98 per cent of the Company qualifying for the annual bounty. The Company recruited 41 new members, 18 enlisting in Tideswell in a body, and it is much hoped to increase the number before the next training season.

B Company was the second strongest in Camp, and thoroughly enjoyed the life and training, the present system of training in the field being much liked by all present.

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6TH SHERWOOD FORESTERS. BAND AND DRUMS

DUKE III

LT.-COL. F. M. DICK, M.C., T.D.

Back—2nd Lieut. T. C. GOODMAN
Capt. H. H. JACKSON, M.C. Col. G. D. GOODMAN, C.B., D.S.O., V.D., T.D. 2nd Lieut. J. G. O. WALKER

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C Company Notes

The Annual Dinner was held at the Green Man Hotel on 5th November, 1924, the chair being occupied by the Officer commanding the detachment, Lieut. L. Parkinson. The cups and medals were presented to the winners by Major F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., 2nd-in-Command.

The Annual Soirée took place in the Green Man Hotel ball-room on 28th January, 1925, the room being very tastefully decorated with the Regimental Colours; about 150 sat down to supper.

On December 10th, 1924, 2nd Lieut. J. L. W. Unwin of Wootton Lodge, Ashbourne, son of Capt. L. Unwin, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., R.N., was gazetted to the Battalion and posted to C Company; he has proved himself an asset to the detachment. During the winter months a weekly miniature range shoot was held; this proved highly successful in two ways, firstly, the improved shooting at the Annual Musketry Course, and secondly, it provided many enjoyable evenings. About 5000 rounds were expended, and 24 silver spoons were competed for, Sergt. R. C. Purdy coming out top with the best average, and thus took the " Parkinson " Cup for the year.

The Annual Full Marching Order Parade, prior to Camp, proved to be a great success again, the town band and the populace of Ashbourne turning out in full force, as usual, to witness the judging. Lce.-Corpl. W. Nolan carried off the " Wright " Cup for being the smartest on parade.

The Annual Church Parade was held on Wakes Sunday. A good muster turned out, including besides the detachment, the Armoured Car Section of the Derbyshire Yeomanry, the Town Band, the Fire Brigade, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Canon F. L. Shaw addressed the Territorials very appropriately.

D Company Notes

The great event after Camp is the Company Dinner, which was held at Staveley this year, on November 8th, 1924, and was an enormous success. Sir Josiah Court, J.P., was the chief guest, coupled with our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.; we had also with us Capt. R. O.

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Nevitt, our Adjutant, Mr. A. Hunter of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company, Ltd., R.S.M. A. King, and a few N.C.O.'s from H.Q. Wing and A Company.

Practically the whole of the Company attended the dinner, the attendance being very creditable considering the straggling nature of the Company area, and the distances the men had to travel to get into Staveley, while a great deal of credit for the good attendance at the dinner lies at the door of the County Territorial Army Association for granting us authority to bring men in by char-à-banc. After dinner was over a dance was held to music supplied by the Regimental Band, which was a great success.

The Week-end Musketry Camps have again been held at Coombs Range and have been very successful, the standard of shooting being higher than that of last year, chiefly due to the good weather we were fortunate enough to have, and to the better preliminary instruction.

The training prior to Camp has been well attended, especially the Company training on Saturday afternoons, when we have averaged over seventy per cent attendances. These drills are carried out partly in Sitwell Park, Eckington, and on Mosbro Common.

During the time between camp we have obtained permission to form a Drill Station at the White Hart Inn, Eckington, which has been made good use of and which is an acquisition.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES

DURING February and March the Company Dinners, which were held for the first time in the Arboretum Rooms, were, as usual, greatly enjoyed by all ranks, as well as by those who attended as guests.

For the second time since the war a Reunion Dinner of past and present Robin Hoods was held in April. The arrangements had been carried out in the most admirable manner by a Committee under the chairmanship of Lt.-Col. F. Raynor, D.S.O., and a company of 500 sat down in the Drill Hall. An excellent musical programme was provided, and so popular was the function that it has been decided that the Reunion Dinner shall become an annual event.

During the month of April a Recruiting Week was held, with the satisfactory result that 150 men were enrolled, including a considerable percentage of war service men, making the proportion of men in the Battalion with war service to their credit up to twenty-five per cent of the total strength. At the conclusion of the week the total strength of the Battalion was 634. The features of the week were a recruiting march through the town in the evening, a concert in the Empire Theatre on Sunday, and a revival of the old tradition of an annual church parade on the Castle Green, the site of the first drill of the Robin Hood Rifle Volunteers. It is estimated that not less than 10,000 persons were present, either in the Market-place or in the Castle grounds at the opening of the service. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Battalion, The Rev. C. W. Good, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. T. Hayman, his predecessor. During the week every help was given to the Battalion by the Mayor of Nottingham (Councillor J. Clarkson) and the Corporation.

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Musketry was carried out under normal conditions, and the result showed a considerable improvement compared with the previous year. For the first time the course was adopted of enlisting recruits direct into the Machine Gun Platoon, and the experiment has been fully justified by a very favourable result.

Before Camp, training for each company consisted of a week's indoor work in the Drill Hall, and a week's field work in Wollaton Park. During the summer the Sundays were devoted to training in Sherwood Forest, where an excellent training area, near Ollerton, was placed at the disposal of the Battalion by Colonel The Earl Manvers. The men were conveyed to and from the training area in chars-à-bancs, and this feature of the training was very popular throughout the Battalion.

The annual Camp was held at Catterick, and an unusual feature was that the men were accommodated in wooden huts. Each platoon was allotted a hut to itself, an arrangement which brought the men of a platoon into closer contact with one another, so encouraging a team spirit which was reflected in the Battalion. Every effort was made to bring the Battalion back to its pre-war smartness. Remarkable keenness was shown by the companies in providing splendidly turned out guards, and it was often a difficult matter for the inspecting officer to select the cleanest man.

Training was carried out on normal lines and considerable progress shown in all branches, particularly in march discipline, which reached a very high standard.

The Boxing Cup and Football Shield were both won by D Company. In the final of the Football Shield A Company, the holders, were beaten after a tough struggle.

Towards the end of Camp a Brigade ceremonial parade was held, when the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, took the salute. His presence once again at annual training gave the greatest pleasure to all ranks.

The Battalion was welcomed on its return from Camp by the Mayor, who was accompanied by Col. C. W. Birkin, C.M.G., who commanded the Battalion when it first went overseas. In spite of the fact that the Battalion was over an hour late, and that the weather was very wet, a crowd of some 30,000

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people waited to welcome the Robin Hoods home to Nottingham.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held, as far as possible under service conditions, and the prize-winners were as follows :—

Officers (*Private Sweepstake*) : 1st, Capt. L. C. Brewill, T.D. ; 2nd, Capt. E. J. Melville.

Class A (200 *yards*) : 1st, Sergt. H. W. Griffiths, B Company ; 2nd, Sergt. J. Curtis, B Company ; 3rd, Sergt. J. E. Salt, D Company.

Snap Shooting (200 *yards*) : 1st, Sergt. H. Brittle, B Company ; 2nd, Sergt. S. Walters, H.Q. ; 3rd, Sergt. H. Dunn, H.Q.

Rapid (200 *yards*) : 1st, C.S.M. C. W. Eddings, A Company ; 2nd, Sergt. S. Walters, H.Q. ; 3rd, Sergt. J. E. Salt, D Company.

Application (500 *yards*) : 1st, C.Q.M.S. C. Widnall, H.Q. ; 2nd, Sergt. H. Brittle, B Company ; 3rd, Sergt. W. Godkin, D Company.

Aggregate : 1st, C.Q.M.S. C. Widnall, H.Q., and C.S.M. C. W. Eddings, A Company ; 3rd, Sergt. J. Curtis, B Company.

Class B (200 *yards*) : 1st, Lce.-Corpl. H. Searby, A Company; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. A. Walters, H.Q. ; 3rd, Pte. A. Giles, H.Q.

Snap Shooting (200 *yards*) : 1st, Corpl. J. Brindley, H.Q. ; 2nd, Corpl. T. Gateeley, A Company ; 3rd, Corpl. H. Handley, H.Q.

Rapid (200 *yards*) : 1st, Lce.-Corpl. E. G. Pritchett, D Company ; 2nd, Pte. F. O. Connor, H.Q. ; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Wills, A Company, and Lce.-Corpl. T. Taylor, C Company.

Application (500 *yards*) : 1st, Corpl. H. Shaw, H.Q. ; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. R. King, A Company ; 3rd, Corpl. H. Handley, H.Q.

Aggregate : 1st, Corpl. J. Brindley, H.Q. ; 2nd, Corpl. H. Shaw, H.Q. ; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. H. Searby, A Company.

Class C (200 *yards*) : 1st, Pte. G. Whittaker, B Company ; 2nd, Pte. A. Polak, B Company ; 3rd, Pte. W. Mann, B Company.

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Snap Shooting (200 *yards*) : 1st, Pte. H. C. Hammans, B Company ; 2nd, Pte. E. Riddell, B Company ; 3rd, Pte. A. Polak, B Company, and Pte. C. Cooper, C Company.

Rapid (200 *yards*) : 1st, Pte. F. A. Orton, A Company ; 2nd, Pte. Cawser, B Company ; 3rd, Pte. C. Cooper, C Company.

Application (500 *yards*) : 1st, Pte. G. Whittaker, B Company ; 2nd, Pte. E. Riddell, B Company ; 3rd, Pte. W. Mann, B Company.

Aggregate : 1st, Pte. F. A. Orton, A Company ; 2nd, Pte H. C. Hammans, B Company ; 3rd, Pte. J. Cawser, B Company.

Commanding Officer's Prize : A/R.S.M. W. A. Laws, M.M.

The Sir Charles Seely Shield was won by Letter A Company, the holders, Headquarters Company, being second, and B Company third.

	Company	Turn-out, Composition of Team, Punctuality, etc.	Musketry	Range and Fire-Discipline.	Total
1st . .	A	51	152	80	283
2nd .	H.Q.	32	167	66	265
3rd .	B	45	120	68	233
4th .	D	58	98	72	228
5th .	C	52	74	68	194

It is a very great pleasure to the Battalion that the Commanding Officer has accepted an extension of his period of command for a further two years.

It is greatly regretted that the Adjutant, Capt. D. R. Currie, M.C., the Royal Scots, is leaving on completion of his term of service with the Battalion. He has always had the interests of the Battalion at heart and will be much missed. We desire to offer a very warm welcome to his successor, Capt. J. E. Wright, the first " Forester " Adjutant in the 7th since Major C. C. Parkinson, M.V.O., left in 1913.

Staff-Sergt. F. L. Stoton, 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters, arrived to take the place on the permanent staff of Sergt. Sturgis who, we are very pleased to hear, has been appointed Company Sergeant-Major in his own Battalion.

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8TH BATTALION NOTES

THE publication of the results of the firing in the Standard Tests late in 1924 was a source of much gratification, and the Battalion received a congratulatory message from the Divisional Commander on the fact that the figures were the highest in the Division. The average score of the Trained Men was 78·5 and of the Recruits 75·8, whilst the Lewis Gunners averaged 50·0. The cups were awarded as follows :—

Trained Men : Lce.-Corpl. Mathers, B Company, Pte. Stapleton, C Company, a tie.

Recruits : Pte. Sharman, B Company.

W.O.'s and Sergeants : R.Q.M.S. Powell, D Company, C.Q.M.S. Harrison, C Company, a tie.

Corporals and under : Lce.-Corpl. Mathers, B Company, Pte. Stapleton, C Company, a tie.

Highest Figure of Merit—

Inter-Section (Rifle) : Cpl. Gammage's Section, B Company.

Inter-Section (Lewis Gun) : Corpl. Harris's Section, D Company.

Inter-Platoon : Sergt. Fenton's Platoon, B Company.

Inter-Company : Capt. Ford, B Company.

During the winter all Companies attempted some training of junior N.C.O.'s, but with little success. There does not seem to be any very great keenness on their part at present to attend such classes, but we hope for better results next time.

The C.O. and Adjutant attended an interesting Staff ride at Derby in January, and Lieut. Renwick went to a course for machine gunners at Lichfield the same month. No other courses for officers were held. It is hoped that in future more facilities will be given them to attend Staff rides or courses,

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and that Officers will on their part endeavour to avail themselves of the opportunity to do so.

Three Officers have left us during the year, Lieut. J. Green, Capt. W. L. Renwick, M.C., Quartermaster, and Lieut. G. F. Hales, but we have been fortunate in adding to our number four new Officers, to whom we offer a warm welcome: Lieut. C. H. S. Stephenson, who served with the Battalion for a long period in France, resumes his old place as Signalling Officer: Capt. C. F. Dryden, who has joined as Quartermaster, has seen much service with the Connaught Rangers and our 1st Battalion; and our two latest subalterns are 2nd Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith, who served in the Marlborough College O.T.C., and is posted to A Company, and 2nd Lieut. C. E. Tylden-Wright, son of the late Major Tylden-Wright, who commanded the Worksop Company before the War. He joins his father's old Company. The only promotion this year is that of 2nd Lieut. J. M. G. Browne to Lieutenant on July 1st.

Amongst the Permanent Staff the departure of R.S.M. Walker in May led to the promotion of C.S.M. Gibson from D Company, who was succeeded by Sergt. Handley from A Company, the vacancy in the latter Company being filled by the appointment of C.S.M. B. Maddock from our 1st Battalion. He was well known to some of us in France, where he was for a time R.S.M. of the 5th Battalion. In addition to winning the D.C.M., he was awarded the French Médaille Militaire for gallantry in the field.

There have also been a few changes amongst the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s in the Battalion. A Company has lost an old War veteran in the person of C.Q.M.S. H. J. Wilson, D.S.M., who has been succeeded by Sergt. F. King, and the retirement of C.S.M. F. W. Else from C Company in July led to the promotion of C.Q.M.S. W. Harrison, whose place was taken by Sergt. L. A. Whitlam. Amongst Headquarter Details Sergt.-Dr. Brittle's departure was a very great loss to the Drums, who were then taken over by Lce.-Sergt. F. J. B. Else, and the Signal Section lost an old and valued friend in Sergt. J. T. Templeman, M.M., whose place was taken by Corpl. (now Sergt.) Beswick.

With the Signalling Officer being at Retford and Sergt.

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Beswick near Worksop, the Signal Section has now become based mainly on Worksop, where there are nine men, whilst D Company also finds two men at Retford, and B and A Companies provide two and one respectively.

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There is not a great deal to relate of the training or happenings at Camp. Apart from drill and elementary instruction, which was carried out in and about the huts during wet periods, the training for the most part consisted of practising formations for Attack and the taking up of Outpost positions. Practice in the Attack has been the feature of our training for the last three Camps, and it is fair to suppose that the time so spent has not been wasted. It has at times, perhaps, seemed to be a monotonous business, but it is the part of our training which must be more constantly practised than any other, and we trust the lessons learnt during the last three years will not be forgotten. The Machine Gun Platoon and Signal Section also did some useful work and made good progress.

A word of thanks for their kind help is again due to the Umpires, two of whom, Capt. Wylie and Capt. Thompson, were attached to our Mess, and to Lieut. White, from the Depot, for his excellent demonstrations.

Amongst our visitors were Col. Goodman, our late Brigade Commander, Col. Neilson, whom some of us remembered as Brigade Major in France, now on the Training Staff at the War Office, Col. C. J. Huskinson, and Major Baines, from the Notts T.A. Association, Col. Barron, R.A.M.C., and Capt. Lomer.

The usual end-of-camp Ceremonial Parade of the Brigade was declared on all sides to be a great success, and the general smart appearance and marching past, both on the field and afterwards on the road in fours seem to have deeply impressed the onlookers. The Salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., who also very kindly presented medals to various Officers and Men. The recipients from this Battalion included Major Wordsworth (T.A. Reserve), who has been awarded the Territorial Decoration, and Sergt. Comery, A Company, Corpls. Crowder and Morrell and Pte. Evans, C Company, all of whom have gained the Territorial Efficiency

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Medal. The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was also presented to Sergt. Handley, Permanent Staff.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien also honoured the Brigade by dining with the Officers on Friday, August 7th. An account of this dinner will be found elsewhere in this issue. Our Band were highly elated at being selected to play during the dinner.

The only official sports held in Camp consisted of the Inter-Company Football contests. In the first round A Company beat C by 5 goals to nil, and B and D Companies made a draw, 1—1. We have not been able to discover who squared the Referee in the last-mentioned match to allow extra time to be played when D Company were losing 1—0! In the re-played tie D won by 1 goal to nil, and in the final beat A Company 1—0, thus winning the much coveted cup.

A very enjoyable game of cricket was played on Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, between Officers of the 6th and 8th Battalions, which was won by the 6th by a narrow margin. The mainstay of our side was Lieut. G. N. B. Huskinson.

At 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 9th, to the strains of the 7th Battalion Band's "Show me the way to go home" and "Auld Lang Syne," we marched out of Camp and entrained once more for home.

Reviewing the present state of training in the Battalion the general impression seems to be that good progress has been made in some of the more advanced work and that it is now time to go back to the elementary part. It is interesting to find an allusion to this subject in the 8th Battalion Notes in the *Regimental Annual* published in 1914, dealing with the previous year's Camp at Thoresby. "By wise decision of the Higher Powers," we read, "it had been decreed that the Territorial Battalions should this year train as Battalions." Those of us who were privileged to serve under the writer of those "Notes" know well that there were few who understood better than he how a Territorial Battalion should be trained. We look forward with interest to next year's Camp, when, according to present arrangements, we understand we are to be allowed to train as a Battalion.

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C Company Notes

The Annual Dinner was held at the Green Man Hotel on 5th November, 1924, the chair being occupied by the Officer commanding the detachment, Lieut. L. Parkinson. The cups and medals were presented to the winners by Major F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., 2nd-in-Command.

The Annual Soirée took place in the Green Man Hotel ballroom on 28th January, 1925, the room being very tastefully decorated with the Regimental Colours; about 150 sat down to supper.

On December 10th, 1924, 2nd Lieut. J. L. W. Unwin of Wootton Lodge, Ashbourne, son of Capt. L. Unwin, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., R.N., was gazetted to the Battalion and posted to C Company; he has proved himself an asset to the detachment. During the winter months a weekly miniature range shoot was held; this proved highly successful in two ways, firstly, the improved shooting at the Annual Musketry Course, and secondly, it provided many enjoyable evenings. About 5000 rounds were expended, and 24 silver spoons were competed for, Sergt. R. C. Purdy coming out top with the best average, and thus took the " Parkinson " Cup for the year.

The Annual Full Marching Order Parade, prior to Camp, proved to be a great success again, the town band and the populace of Ashbourne turning out in full force, as usual, to witness the judging. Lce.-Corpl. W. Nolan carried off the " Wright " Cup for being the smartest on parade.

The Annual Church Parade was held on Wakes Sunday. A good muster turned out, including besides the detachment, the Armoured Car Section of the Derbyshire Yeomanry, the Town Band, the Fire Brigade, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Canon F. L. Shaw addressed the Territorials very appropriately.

D Company Notes

The great event after Camp is the Company Dinner, which was held at Staveley this year, on November 8th, 1924, and was an enormous success. Sir Josiah Court, J.P., was the chief guest, coupled with our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.; we had also with us Capt. R. O.

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Nevitt, our Adjutant, Mr. A. Hunter of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company, Ltd., R.S.M. A. King, and a few N.C.O.'s from H.Q. Wing and A Company.

Practically the whole of the Company attended the dinner, the attendance being very creditable considering the straggling nature of the Company area, and the distances the men had to travel to get into Staveley, while a great deal of credit for the good attendance at the dinner lies at the door of the County Territorial Army Association for granting us authority to bring men in by char-à-banc. After dinner was over a dance was held to music supplied by the Regimental Band, which was a great success.

The Week-end Musketry Camps have again been held at Coombs Range and have been very successful, the standard of shooting being higher than that of last year, chiefly due to the good weather we were fortunate enough to have, and to the better preliminary instruction.

The training prior to Camp has been well attended, especially the Company training on Saturday afternoons, when we have averaged over seventy per cent attendances. These drills are carried out partly in Sitwell Park, Eckington, and on Mosbro Common.

During the time between camp we have obtained permission to form a Drill Station at the White Hart Inn, Eckington, which has been made good use of and which is an acquisition.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES

DURING February and March the Company Dinners, which were held for the first time in the Arboretum Rooms, were, as usual, greatly enjoyed by all ranks, as well as by those who attended as guests.

For the second time since the war a Reunion Dinner of past and present Robin Hoods was held in April. The arrangements had been carried out in the most admirable manner by a Committee under the chairmanship of Lt.-Col. F. Raynor, D.S.O., and a company of 500 sat down in the Drill Hall. An excellent musical programme was provided, and so popular was the function that it has been decided that the Reunion Dinner shall become an annual event.

During the month of April a Recruiting Week was held, with the satisfactory result that 150 men were enrolled, including a considerable percentage of war service men, making the proportion of men in the Battalion with war service to their credit up to twenty-five per cent of the total strength. At the conclusion of the week the total strength of the Battalion was 634. The features of the week were a recruiting march through the town in the evening, a concert in the Empire Theatre on Sunday, and a revival of the old tradition of an annual church parade on the Castle Green, the site of the first drill of the Robin Hood Rifle Volunteers. It is estimated that not less than 10,000 persons were present, either in the Market-place or in the Castle grounds at the opening of the service. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Battalion, The Rev. C. W. Good, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. T. Hayman, his predecessor. During the week every help was given to the Battalion by the Mayor of Nottingham (Councillor J. Clarkson) and the Corporation.

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Musketry was carried out under normal conditions, and the result showed a considerable improvement compared with the previous year. For the first time the course was adopted of enlisting recruits direct into the Machine Gun Platoon, and the experiment has been fully justified by a very favourable result.

Before Camp, training for each company consisted of a week's indoor work in the Drill Hall, and a week's field work in Wollaton Park. During the summer the Sundays were devoted to training in Sherwood Forest, where an excellent training area, near Ollerton, was placed at the disposal of the Battalion by Colonel The Earl Manvers. The men were conveyed to and from the training area in chars-à-bancs, and this feature of the training was very popular throughout the Battalion.

The annual Camp was held at Catterick, and an unusual feature was that the men were accommodated in wooden huts. Each platoon was allotted a hut to itself, an arrangement which brought the men of a platoon into closer contact with one another, so encouraging a team spirit which was reflected in the Battalion. Every effort was made to bring the Battalion back to its pre-war smartness. Remarkable keenness was shown by the companies in providing splendidly turned out guards, and it was often a difficult matter for the inspecting officer to select the cleanest man.

Training was carried out on normal lines and considerable progress shown in all branches, particularly in march discipline, which reached a very high standard.

The Boxing Cup and Football Shield were both won by D Company. In the final of the Football Shield A Company, the holders, were beaten after a tough struggle.

Towards the end of Camp a Brigade ceremonial parade was held, when the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, took the salute. His presence once again at annual training gave the greatest pleasure to all ranks.

The Battalion was welcomed on its return from Camp by the Mayor, who was accompanied by Col. C. W. Birkin, C.M.G., who commanded the Battalion when it first went overseas. In spite of the fact that the Battalion was over an hour late, and that the weather was very wet, a crowd of some 30,000

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people waited to welcome the Robin Hoods home to Nottingham.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held, as far as possible under service conditions, and the prize-winners were as follows :—

Officers (*Private Sweepstake*) : 1st, Capt. L. C. Brewill, T.D. ; 2nd, Capt. E. J. Melville.

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1st . .	A	51	152	80	283
2nd .	H.Q.	32	167	66	265
3rd .	B	45	120	68	233
4th .	D	58	98	72	228
5th .	C	52	74	68	194

It is a very great pleasure to the Battalion that the Commanding Officer has accepted an extension of his period of command for a further two years.

It is greatly regretted that the Adjutant, Capt. D. R. Currie, M.C., the Royal Scots, is leaving on completion of his term of service with the Battalion. He has always had the interests of the Battalion at heart and will be much missed. We desire to offer a very warm welcome to his successor, Capt. J. E. Wright, the first " Forester " Adjutant in the 7th since Major C. C. Parkinson, M.V.O., left in 1913.

Staff-Sergt. F. L. Stoton, 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters, arrived to take the place on the permanent staff of Sergt. Sturgis who, we are very pleased to hear, has been appointed Company Sergeant-Major in his own Battalion.

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THE publication of the results of the firing in the Standard Tests late in 1924 was a source of much gratification, and the Battalion received a congratulatory message from the Divisional Commander on the fact that the figures were the highest in the Division. The average score of the Trained Men was 78·5 and of the Recruits 75·8, whilst the Lewis Gunners averaged 50·0. The cups were awarded as follows :—

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During the winter all Companies attempted some training of junior N.C.O.'s, but with little success. There does not seem to be any very great keenness on their part at present to attend such classes, but we hope for better results next time.

The C.O. and Adjutant attended an interesting Staff ride at Derby in January, and Lieut. Renwick went to a course for machine gunners at Lichfield the same month. No other courses for officers were held. It is hoped that in future more facilities will be given them to attend Staff rides or courses,

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and that Officers will on their part endeavour to avail themselves of the opportunity to do so.

Three Officers have left us during the year, Lieut. J. Green, Capt. W. L. Renwick, M.C., Quartermaster, and Lieut. G. F. Hales, but we have been fortunate in adding to our number four new Officers, to whom we offer a warm welcome: Lieut. C. H. S. Stephenson, who served with the Battalion for a long period in France, resumes his old place as Signalling Officer: Capt. C. F. Dryden, who has joined as Quartermaster, has seen much service with the Connaught Rangers and our 1st Battalion; and our two latest subalterns are 2nd Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith, who served in the Marlborough College O.T.C., and is posted to A Company, and 2nd Lieut. C. E. Tylden-Wright, son of the late Major Tylden-Wright, who commanded the Worksop Company before the War. He joins his father's old Company. The only promotion this year is that of 2nd Lieut. J. M. G. Browne to Lieutenant on July 1st.

Amongst the Permanent Staff the departure of R.S.M. Walker in May led to the promotion of C.S.M. Gibson from D Company, who was succeeded by Sergt. Handley from A Company, the vacancy in the latter Company being filled by the appointment of C.S.M. B. Maddock from our 1st Battalion. He was well known to some of us in France, where he was for a time R.S.M. of the 5th Battalion. In addition to winning the D.C.M., he was awarded the French Médaille Militaire for gallantry in the field.

There have also been a few changes amongst the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s in the Battalion. A Company has lost an old War veteran in the person of C.Q.M.S. H. J. Wilson, D.S.M., who has been succeeded by Sergt. F. King, and the retirement of C.S.M. F. W. Else from C Company in July led to the promotion of C.Q.M.S. W. Harrison, whose place was taken by Sergt. L. A. Whitlam. Amongst Headquarter Details Sergt.-Dr. Brittle's departure was a very great loss to the Drums, who were then taken over by Lce.-Sergt. F. J. B. Else, and the Signal Section lost an old and valued friend in Sergt. J. T. Templeman, M.M., whose place was taken by Corpl. (now Sergt.) Beswick.

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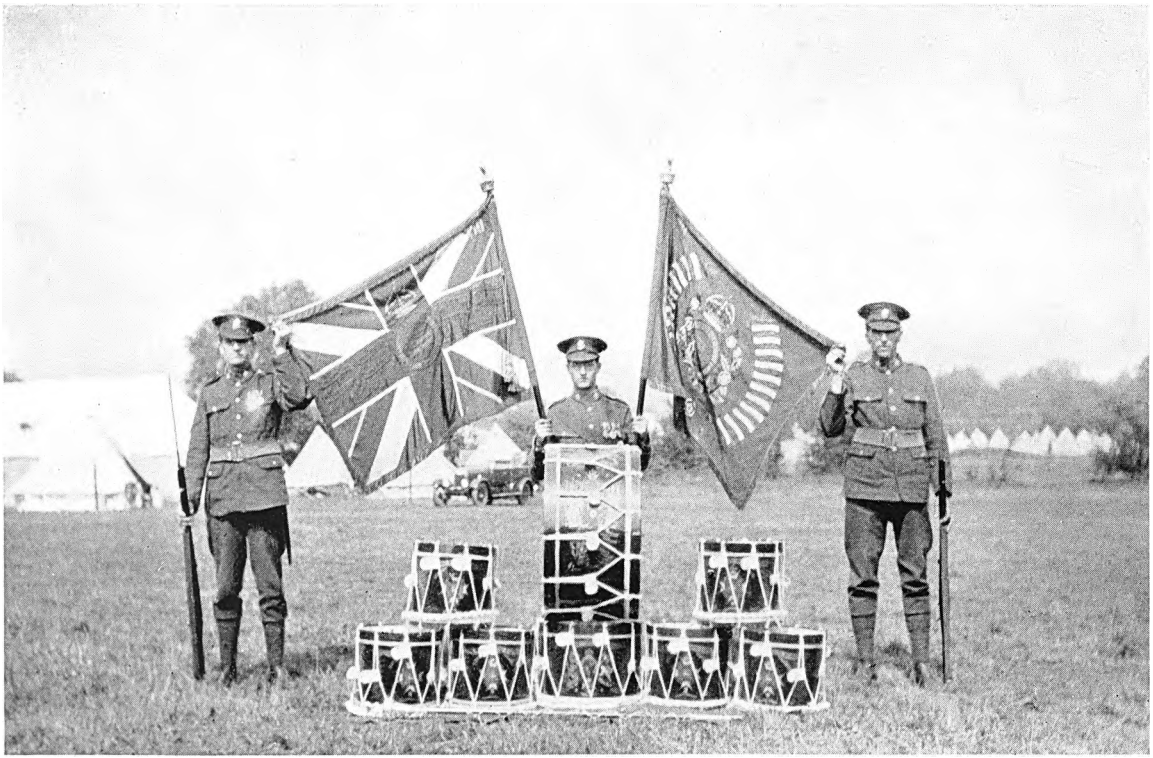

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many ways, it is at present almost entirely devoid of any place where recreation can be found for the men. The excellently run Club was much appreciated by the Officers, but, apart from that, the attractive and picturesque town of Richmond, some four miles away in the delightful Swale Valley, stands practically alone in this sparsely populated district.

Battalion Headquarters, with B, C, and D Companies, arrived at Catterick Bridge Station early in the afternoon of Sunday, July 26th, followed a little later by A Company. The march of just over three miles from the station was marred by a heavy storm and many of us got to Camp with wet jackets. The men were comfortably housed in some of the old war-time huts, the Officers being under canvas. Huts were also available for dining-rooms and cook-houses, and were much appreciated.

We went to Camp with 14 Officers and 522 Other Ranks. The muster of Officers was particularly disappointing, no fewer than seven, including Major Ashwell, being absent for one reason or another, so that the Officers' Mess was by no means overcrowded.

Since last Camp several interesting additions have been made to the Mess. Firstly, the Colours have now been emblazoned with the Regiment's Battle Honours, pre-War Honours on the Regimental Colour and the Great War Honours on the King's Colour. In passing we might add that the Honours have also been emblazoned on the Drums, and we hope that all who inspected them when they were on view were duly impressed. Col. Abel Smith has very kindly presented us with a Silver Model of a Soldier in the fighting equipment worn during the Great War, a most excellent representation. Col. Clarke has given to the Mess a relic of the Great War in the shape of a three-handled Silver Cup, which was offered for competition at the 2nd Army School of Instruction in France for Cross-Country running. It is now allocated for competition amongst the Machine Gunners. A set of silver ash-trays from Capt. Ramsden, our late Adjutant, whom we were delighted to have once more for a short time in Camp, is a useful as well as ornamental addition to our Mess plate.

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An issue by the Territorial Association of Regimental canes and white-buff belts, which were available at Camp, was much appreciated, and added a distinct touch of smartness to the appearance of the men in walking-out dress.

There is not a great deal to relate of the training or happenings at Camp. Apart from drill and elementary instruction, which was carried out in and about the huts during wet periods, the training for the most part consisted of practising formations for Attack and the taking up of Outpost positions. Practice in the Attack has been the feature of our training for the last three Camps, and it is fair to suppose that the time so spent has not been wasted. It has at times, perhaps, seemed to be a monotonous business, but it is the part of our training which must be more constantly practised than any other, and we trust the lessons learnt during the last three years will not be forgotten. The Machine Gun Platoon and Signal Section also did some useful work and made good progress.

A word of thanks for their kind help is again due to the Umpires, two of whom, Capt. Wylie and Capt. Thompson, were attached to our Mess, and to Lieut. White, from the Depot, for his excellent demonstrations.

Amongst our visitors were Col. Goodman, our late Brigade Commander, Col. Neilson, whom some of us remembered as Brigade Major in France, now on the Training Staff at the War Office, Col. C. J. Huskinson, and Major Baines, from the Notts T.A. Association, Col. Barron, R.A.M.C., and Capt. Lomer.

The usual end-of-camp Ceremonial Parade of the Brigade was declared on all sides to be a great success, and the general smart appearance and marching past, both on the field and afterwards on the road in fours seem to have deeply impressed the onlookers. The Salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., who also very kindly presented medals to various Officers and Men. The recipients from this Battalion included Major Wordsworth (T.A. Reserve), who has been awarded the Territorial Decoration, and Sergt. Comery, A Company, Corpls. Crowder and Morrell and Pte. Evans, C Company, all of whom have gained the Territorial Efficiency

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Medal. The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was also presented to Sergt. Handley, Permanent Staff.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien also honoured the Brigade by dining with the Officers on Friday, August 7th. An account of this dinner will be found elsewhere in this issue. Our Band were highly elated at being selected to play during the dinner.

The only official sports held in Camp consisted of the Inter-Company Football contests. In the first round A Company beat C by 5 goals to nil, and B and D Companies made a draw, 1—1. We have not been able to discover who squared the Referee in the last-mentioned match to allow extra time to be played when D Company were losing 1—0! In the re-played tie D won by 1 goal to nil, and in the final beat A Company 1—0, thus winning the much coveted cup.

A very enjoyable game of cricket was played on Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, between Officers of the 6th and 8th Battalions, which was won by the 6th by a narrow margin. The mainstay of our side was Lieut. G. N. B. Huskinson.

At 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 9th, to the strains of the 7th Battalion Band's "Show me the way to go home" and "Auld Lang Syne," we marched out of Camp and entrained once more for home.

Reviewing the present state of training in the Battalion the general impression seems to be that good progress has been made in some of the more advanced work and that it is now time to go back to the elementary part. It is interesting to find an allusion to this subject in the 8th Battalion Notes in the *Regimental Annual* published in 1914, dealing with the previous year's Camp at Thoresby. "By wise decision of the Higher Powers," we read, "it had been decreed that the Territorial Battalions should this year train as Battalions." Those of us who were privileged to serve under the writer of those "Notes" know well that there were few who understood better than he how a Territorial Battalion should be trained. We look forward with interest to next year's Camp, when, according to present arrangements, we understand we are to be allowed to train as a Battalion.

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XI

THE 139TH (SHERWOOD FORESTERS) INFANTRY BRIGADE

NOTES ON THE ANNUAL CAMP, 1925, AT CATTERICK

Visit of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien

IT has been suggested that a few notes about the above Brigade should be sent this year to the *Regimental Annual*. There is no wish to compete in any way with the individual accounts which the Battalions will send in, and the real excuse for sending any Brigade notes is that it was an exceptional year, owing to the prolonged visit which our Colonel, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, paid to the Brigade in Camp at Catterick, and the great pleasure it gave all ranks to have him amongst us.

On August 6th General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien arrived and visited the Camp about tea-time; walked round the Officers' Messes, and was introduced to various Officers who happened to be about. He also saw the guard mounting. On Friday, August 7th, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien visited Battalions at training.

The 5th and 8th Battalions Foresters were training under their own arrangements, and the General saw the 8th Battalion on the road marching to their training area. The 6th and 7th Foresters were engaged in a Brigade exercise, the former attacking the latter. The 7th Battalion was covering the retirement of the main body (Whiteland) to the north bank of the River Swale, with orders to hold the high ground about three miles south of Richmond until 12.15 p.m.

The 6th Battalion, with troops of other arms, formed the advanced guard of a Brownland Brigade, advancing from Leyburn with orders to take the high ground held by the

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7th Battalion, subsequently press on and seize the crossings over the Swale at Richmond.

Although the 7th Battalion achieved its object and was in the act of withdrawing when the " Stand Fast " sounded at 12.10 p.m., the 6th Battalion had inflicted heavy casualties and captured the Machine Gun Platoon of their adversaries.

The Brigade Commander, Colonel Bertram Abel Smith, acted as a Director of this operation, and General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien attended the Conference which was held on the ground immediately after the " Cease Fire " had sounded.

There was also present on the ground Colonel G. D. Goodman, the late Commander of the Brigade, and Colonel W. G. Neilson, G.S.O. to the Director of Military Training at the War Office.

At the conclusion of the Conference General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien was kind enough to say that he was pleased with all he had seen ; but what impressed him most was the way the Conference was conducted, and the manner in which all Officers, however junior, were able to stand up and in a few words give their account of what they had done and their action in the exercise which had taken place.

In the evening the Officers of the Brigade entertained Sir Horace to dinner, which had been specially arranged in a large hut in which there was ample room for the 100 Officers who were present. The four messes of the Battalions had combined together for the evening, and all thanks are due for its great success to the way they all worked together under the able guidance of the " Big Four " (Mess Presidents), assisted by their messmen and mess waiters. The Band of the 8th Battalion had been selected to provide the music for the evening.

After the toast of " The King " had been drunk, Colonel Abel Smith welcomed Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, saying that the Brigade were all honoured and delighted to have him amongst them.

Sir Horace, in reply, spoke of the pleasure that it gave him to be present. After his return to England, when the Territorial Army had been formed, he very soon had the opportunity to get to know them and appreciate them. He in very

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early days realised the great value they would be in case of war. Soon after the outbreak of war he had the opportunity of talking to the late Lord Kitchener about them, and he pressed him to found his New Army on the Territorial basis. He was asked to get out a scheme, and did so, but by that time unfortunately Lord Kitchener had decided on forming a New Army.

Sir Horace went on to say: "The War proved me to be right, and the future will prove it too. I speak to you as an old Regular; but remember we are all one. Look at the Colours opposite to me. The Honours are shared by Regulars and Territorials. Foster this spirit of comradeship wherever you can. But indeed I see you have it already, for you have the right atmosphere of friendship. When one Commanding Officer is succeeded by another, very often they are inclined to criticize each other. But here I find that they help each other. Colonel Abel Smith has invited his predecessor, Colonel Goodman, to be with him in Camp, and here he is helping him by his experience—the past and present Brigade Commanders working hand in glove together to make the Brigade as efficient as possible. Again, I see Colonel Hall present with Lt.-Col. Dick—the 6th Battalion doing the same thing. This is the right spirit, and I am sure that it will help you to attain a high standard. I shall carry away with me a very happy memory of my visit. My speech would be incomplete if I omitted to thank the "Big Four"—Majors Bradwell, Kerr, Brooke-Taylor and Captain Davenport—who made the arrangements for this dinner so admirably."

Major-Gen. G. C. Van Straubenzee, the Divisional Commander, Col. G. D. Goodman and others spoke, and a memorable evening was brought to a close.

On Saturday, August 8th, a Brigade Ceremonial Parade was held. The programme consisted of an inspection by Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, followed by a March Past of Battalions in column and close column of Companies. After the March Past, a hollow square was formed, and the Colonel of the Regiment presented medals. At the conclusion he addressed the Brigade, and congratulated all ranks on the excellent turn-out and steadiness on parade. The Brigade Commander replied, thanking Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, and called for

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three cheers, which were given most heartily by the whole Brigade.

The programme concluded with a March Past in Column of Route, the March Discipline being of a very high order.

The greatest encouragement has been given to the Brigade by Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien's visit, and it is hoped that he will be able to visit the Brigade again next year.

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XII

AN UNRECORDED CHAPTER IN 45TH HISTORY

By H. C. W.

IN the tolerably confident belief—which may of course be wholly unjustified—that some of us are unaware that the 45th Regiment only just missed taking part in the battle of Corunna, and of so adding yet one more "Honour" to its already long list, the following facts are here set down; they have been gathered from some information very kindly afforded by Professor Sir Charles Oman, the historian of the Peninsular War, from the Monthly Returns and Pay Lists of the 45th Foot for the period in question, and from the letters received by and issued from Lt.-Gen. Sir John Cradock, who commanded the forces in Portugal while Sir John Moore was operating in Spain.

The 45th Foot was one of the Regiments which, embarking at Cork, landed in Mondego Bay on the 1st August, 1808, its strength on that date being given in the Monthly Return as 35 officers, 40 sergeants, 22 drummers and 651 privates, with 21 sick present and 72 sick in hospital. The Regiment was at that time commanded by Lt.-Col. Guard, and the only officer then away from the corps in the Peninsula was Capt. James Douglas, shown as "D.A.Q.M.G. to the forces serving in Portugal."

As we all know, the battles of Roleia and Vimiero were fought in this month, and the successes thereat attained were followed by the Convention of Cintra, under which the French Army under Marshal Junot was sent home in British ships, and the three British generals who in succession had exercised chief command during the brief campaign, all returned to England to answer for having concluded a peace which the British Cabinet and people found particularly unsatisfactory. The 45th Regiment, with many others, remained on in the

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country, and in September its headquarters was at Sobral del Montegress, with 1 lieutenant, 1 corporal and 170 privates at Vimiero; in October headquarters was at Peniche in Portugal, with detachments—amounting to 7 officers, 4 sergeants, 1 drummer, 4 corporals and 90 privates—at Torres Vedras, Large Burling Island, Lisbon and Caldos, and the Monthly Return for the 1st November shows the Regiment still at the same places.

At the end of this month, however, the 45th must have moved to Oporto, with two companies—6 officers and 168 other ranks—at Lamego; and on the 13th December General Cradock, who had been appointed to the command of the British forces in Portugal, arrived at Lisbon, having put into Corunna *en route* and placed himself in communication with Sir John Moore. As most of us know, when the three generals who had been engaged in the earlier operations went back to England, Moore was left in command of all the forces in the Peninsula, and on moving against the French towards the end of October from Lisbon, he took with him the whole British force then in Portugal, *less* some 9000 men, of whom the 45th formed part, who remained behind for the protection of Lisbon, Elvas and Almeida, and who came later, as stated above, under the command of Cradock.

Early in December the 45th must have moved from Oporto to Almeida, for there is in the Cradock correspondence a letter from a staff officer to Major-Gen. Mackenzie, dated Almeida, 10th December, 1808, in which he says: "I proceed to-morrow to join the Army and leave Lt.-Col. Wade in command here until the arrival of Lt.-Col. Guard"; so it is clear that the 45th was then on its way to this fortress. Then on the same day Moore, then at Salamanca, wrote to Cradock saying he wants "to know if he may take the 45th and 82nd, leaving the 97th* "to garrison Almeida," and urges that "an intelligent steady officer must command at Almeida." Writing again to Cradock on the 12th December Moore said: "I have directed the 82nd and 97th to join me, the 45th will garrison Almeida and I believe Col. Guard, who commands it, is a very good man and fit for such a trust. I shall keep him informed of my

* These three regiments now formed a brigade under Brig.-Gen. Alan Cameron.

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movements as much as possible. . . . I shall depend upon Col. Guard to forward the stores coming to me from Portugal." Finally, on the 14th Moore wrote again saying the 82nd only had joined him, but he would be glad, if possible, " to have either the 45th or 97th when they reach Almeida if communication is then still open with the main army."

These several arrangements and movements are crystallised in a letter written by Cradock to Lord Castlereagh in London on the 15th December: in this he wrote that he had been urged by Moore to reinforce his army to the utmost, so he " halted, when at Oporto, the 45th, 82nd and 97th Regiments at Lamego on their return from Oporto and placed them at the disposal of Brig.-Gen. Anstruther at Almeida, and the 45th, less three companies left at Oporto, was stationed at that fortress to relieve the 6th Regiment, which corps " (it is not clear whether the 6th or 45th is meant) " with the 82nd and 97th will reinforce the army in Spain."

The Monthly Return dated the 1st January, 1809, shows headquarters of the Regiment at Almeida with detachments, totalling 10 officers and 185 other ranks, at Lisbon and Oporto. Capt. James Douglas* is now shown as D.A.Q.M.G. to the forces in *Spain*.

There is a Return in the Cradock papers at the Public Record Office from which it appears that on the 6th January Brig.-Gen. Cameron was at Almeida with the following troops:

Royal Artillery, 38 effective rank and file.				
45th Foot	843	,,	,,	,,
97th Foot	597	,,	,,	,,

Meanwhile, on the 13th December, Moore had moved forward from Salamanca against Marshal Soult's communications, but before starting he sent back to Portugal a large convoy of sick and heavy baggage, escorted by the 1/3rd Buffs and the 5/60th; these seem to have met somewhere on the road beyond Almeida the 45th and 97th Regiments, advancing under Brig.-Gen. Cameron to join Moore, and represented that the

* Some account of this officer's services were given in the *Annual* for 1914; he never served again with the Regiment, his Peninsular service being almost wholly with Portuguese troops. It is difficult to understand why, if at this period he was serving in Spain, i.e. under Moore, he never received the Corunna clasp to his Peninsular Medal.

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road would be found to be cut for any junction with the main army. Lt.-Col. Guard with the 45th, however, seems to have pressed on, for on the 8th January he was at Torre de Mincorvo, from whence he wrote in to the Military Secretary at Cradock's headquarters, stating that on arrival at this place he had received orders from his Brigadier directing him to march back to Almeida, " and he was then marching thither." This seems, however, to have been a pardonable exaggeration, for there is a letter* from Col. Guard, dated from Torre de Mincorvo on the 9*th* January and which runs as follows :

" SIR,

" In consequence of despatches which Brig.-Gen. Cameron has just received, he desires me to request that you will, with all possible dispatch, forward the ordnance and hospital stores that are in Almeida to Lamego. The General requests that you will acquaint Sir R. Wilson that he recommends it to him to fall back on Oporto without delay. Should any of the shrapnel shells still remain in Almeida, you will have them completely destroyed ; and all stragglers from the British Army must be forwarded to Lamego to await further orders.

(Sd.) " WILLIAM GUARD.
" Lt.-Col. 45th Regiment."

The 45th now fell back to Almeida and the 97th to Lamego.

On the 19th January Cradock wrote as under to Lord Castlereagh :—

" Brig.-Gen Cameron, who was endeavouring to effect his passage to Sir John Moore with the 45th and 97th Regiments from Almeida and had advanced to the north of Portugal, has been obliged to fall back to Lamego when I last heard of him ; but I should suppose by this time has reached Oporto."

In the Cradock papers there is a letter from Brig.-Gen. Cameron explaining why he was unable to effect his junction as ordered with Sir John Moore, and it seems clear that his retirement was justified ; the road was no longer open, Moore's army was in full retreat to Corunna, having fallen back from Sahagun on the 24th December, and Cameron had collected an enormous number of stragglers from the main army, many

* Quoted at length on p. 209 of Mayne's *Campaigns of the Lusitanian Legion.*

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sick and wounded who had fallen behind—many fit men too unfortunately, who, as he says, "were committing every kind of excess." He was further escorting a considerable convoy of supplies and had in charge a large sum of money for the main army; and while he seems to think he *might* unimpeded have fought his way through to Moore's column, such an operation, burdened as was his small force, was clearly quite out of the question.

The march to the rear of Cameron's small force was sufficiently painful and arduous, as may be seen in the account given by a young officer of another regiment, Bunbury of the Buffs,* who took part in it. He had reached Almeida from England with a draft for his regiment just before the Brigade marched, and he writes as follows: "Our retreat to Lisbon through the province of Tras-os-Montes in the depth of winter, consequent upon the battle of Corunna and the embarkation of Sir John Moore's army, was, as might be expected through a country with such execrable roads, very trying and painful. Both officers and men were without shoes or money, and although we had in charge an abundance of the latter, it was a long time befor the officer commanding would allow one of the many chests containing dollars to be broken open in order to issue us a month's pay; yet at this epoch we were several months in arrears."

From the Monthly Returns of the 45th for this period it appears that three officers of the Regiment were at this time serving in Spain: as has been already stated, Capt. James Douglas was serving on the staff as D.A.Q.M.G., while Capt. Francis Drew and Lt. Robert Hardiman are definitely shown, first as "with Sir John Moore's army," and later as "went to England with Sir John Moore's army"; it may therefore tolerably confidently be supposed that both those officers were present at the battle of Corunna. Unfortunately, neither received the clasp for that action or even the medal for the Peninsular War, for Hardiman was killed at the storming of the fortress of Ciudad Rodrigo in 1812, when again serving with the 45th, while Drew appears to have left the army under something of a cloud, as appears from the *London Gazette* of the 25th July, 1809.

* *Reminiscences of a Veteran*, Vol. I, p. 18.

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XIII

THE WAR, THE REGIMENT, AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ENGLAND

THE following represents the result of an appeal—most promptly and kindly responded to—made to some twenty of the big schools of this country, to send us the names of their boys who died while holding commissions in our Regiment during the Great War. Every care has been taken to give the Battalions to which the officer belonged in the first instance, with that of the Battalion or Corps with which he was serving at the time of his death in action or from wounds or disease, but it is possible that a mistake may here or there have crept in, for even the official Officers' Casualty List is not always to be relied upon.

The only school, among those to which application was made, which does not appear to have preserved any rolls, was Rossall.

BEDFORD

Capt. L. J. B. Harrison. 3rd, attached 16th Battn. 27.3.18.
Major H. L. Paddock. 2nd, attached E. Lanc. Rgt. 23.3.18.
2nd Lieut. F. H. Talbot. 15th Battn. 20.7.16.
Lieut. R. E. C. Weigall. 1st Battn. 12.2.15.
Capt. J. A. Young. 17th Battn. 4.10.17.

CHARTERHOUSE

Major J. G. Blackburne. 9th Battn. 22.8.15.
Lieut. R. Burton. 1st Battn. 24.6.15
Major C R. Chevenix Trench. 5th Battn. 21.3.18.
Lieut C. G. Claye. 5th Battn. attached R.A.F. 5.7.18.
2nd Lieut. J. M. Jamieson. 7th Battn. 24.8.17.
Lt.-Col. C. B. Johnson. 6th Battn. 21.9.17.
2nd Lieut. J. E. McInnes. 5th Battn. 1.7.16.
Capt. R. D. Squires. 1st, attached 9th Battn. 7.8.15.

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CHELTENHAM

Major A. H. Longden. 5th Battn. 2.3.19.
Lieut. J. Macpherson. 7th Battn. 1.7.16.

CLIFTON

Capt. E. H. F. Abbott, M.C. 4th, attached 2nd Battn. 9.7.18.
2nd Lieut. F. R. Callingham. 10th Battn. 26.2.19.
Lieut. T. P. C. Wilson. 2nd Battn. 24.3.18.

DERBY

2nd Lieut. E. A. Bassano. 13th, attached 11th Battn. 1.10.16.
2nd Lieut. K. Bemrose. 5th Battn. 1.7.16.
2nd Lieut. A. F. Bentley. 13th, attached 10th Battn. 11.3.16.
2nd Lieut. B. V. R. Downman. 9th, attached 13th Battn. 21.9.16.
Capt. W. E. Else. 17th Battn. 3.1.18.
Capt. P. P. Harrison. 5th Battn. 20 10 17.
2nd Lieut. H. C. Melville. 13th, attached 10th Battn. 14.2.16.
Lieut. R. A. Moon, M.C. 14th, attached Machine Gun Corps. 28.4.18.
2nd Lieut. H. W. Sargent. 1st Battn. 6.7.16.
Capt. G. S. Sowter. 3rd. and 2nd, attached 15th Battn. 14.10.18.
Lieut. U. H. E. Sowter. 2nd Battn. attached Leicestershire Rgt. 23.4.17.
Capt. A. Stone. 5th Battn. 29.4.17.
Capt. F. D. Stones, M.C. 6th Battn. 28.9.17.

DULWICH

Lieut. C. H. Hicks. 8th Battn. 21.7.18.
2nd Lieut. J. P. S. Streatfield. 6th Battn. 3.6.15.

ETON

Lieut. B. F. Buck. 17th Battn. 3.9.16.
2nd Lieut. W. F. E. Denison. 15th Battn. 26.3.18.
Lieut. J. V. Earle. 1st Battn. and W.A.F.F. 20.6.15.

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Capt. B. C. Huntsman. 8th Battn. 7.4.17.
Lieut. O .L. D. M. Simpson. 4th Battn. 13.7.18.
Capt. J. H. B. Todd-Thornton. 1st Battn. attached Northumberland Fus. 12.1.18.

Haileybury

2nd Lieut. G. P. Barlow, M.C. 6th Battn. 2.9.17.
Capt. W. R. Frend. 2nd Battn. 20.9.14.
Capt. F. H. M. Lewes. 5th Battn. 2.7.16.
Major G. D. Mills. 1st Battn. attached R.F.C. 19.5.17.
Capt. A. Stone. 5th Battn. 29.4.17.
Lieut. C. L. Wilkinson. 6th Battn. 21.3.18.

Harrow

Lt.-Col. L. A. Bosanquet. 1st, attached 9th Battn. 22.8.15.
2nd Lieut. M. B. Browne. 8th Battn. 30.4.16.
Lieut. M. P. Dilworth. 1st Battn. 20.4.14.
Capt. H. C. F. Jeffcock. 8th Battn. 30.5.17.
Lieut. O. St. M. Jones. 9th Battn. 4.10.17.
Lieut. T. F. Oliver. 13th Battn. 26.10.18.
Capt. W. T. Stackhouse. 1st Battn. 12.3.15.
Lieut. A. H. Strutt. 16th Battn. 27.4.18.
Major A. W. Young. 10th Battn. 13.9.15.

Marlborough

Capt. S. J. Aldous. 5th Battn. 26.3.16.
2nd Lieut. C. R. Cook. 4th, attached 9th Battn. 9.6.17.
Lieut. R. Evans. 6th Battn. 10.8.17.
Lieut. R. W. Fellows. 14th Battn. 15.9.16.
Lieut. M. J. Vincent-Jackson. 11th Battn. 4.2.16.
Major P. G. Rigby. 1st Battn. with 1st Brit. Columbia Rgt. 10.3.15.
Lieut. C. G. Romilly. 13th, attached R. Innisk. Fus. 11.8.15.
Lieut. H. F. Severne, M.C. 6th Battn. 10.5.15.
Lieut. U. H. E. Sowter. 2nd, attached Leicester Rgt. 23.4.17.
Lieut. A. G. Wills. 9th Battn. 7.8.15.
Major F. W. Wragg. 5th Battn. 1.7.16.

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NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Capt. A. Ball, V.C., D.S.O., M.C. 7th Battn. and R.A.F. 7.5.18.
2nd Lieut. W. Bavin. 6th Battn. 29.9.18.
2nd Lieut. C. G. Boyd. 7th Battn. 3.5.17.
Lieut. F. A. Bright. 7th Battn. 13.10.15.
2nd Lieut. S. C. Carter. 11th Battn. 3.7.16.
2nd Lieut. D. J. Clarkson. 6th Battn. 9.8.18.
Lieut. P. N. Cooper. 1st Battn. 6.7.16.
Capt. C. Gascoigne. 7th Battn. 8.5.17.
Capt. G. P. Goodall. 10th Battn. 14.2.16.
Lieut. W. W. Hacking. 5th, attached 8th Battn. 21.3.18.
Capt. R. G. Hopewell. 17th Battn. 3.9.16.
Lieut. R. W. Hoyte. 7th Battn. 21.3.18.
Capt. P. U. Laws. 16th Battn. 20.9.17.
Lieut. P. W. Mellor. 7th Battn.
Lieut. S. B. Melville. 11th Battn. 31.1.16.
Capt. E. R. Oakden. 10th Battn. 22.3.17.
Lieut. P. V. C. Perry. 7th Battn. 26.4.16.
Capt. N. H. Pratt. 10th Battn. 8.7.16.
Lieut. R. G. Pyatt. 7th Battn. 13.10.15.
2nd Lieut. R. E. Sheldon. 7th Battn. 15.4.18.
2nd Lieut. E. D. Smith. 9th Battn. attached York and Lancs Rgt. 4.10.17.
Lieut. G. S. Taylor. 2nd, attached York and Lancs. Rgt. 15.10.16.
2nd Lieut. H. C. S. Walker. 1st Battn. 12.3.15.
2nd Lieut. M. S. Weston. 6th Battn. 27.4.17.
Lieut. A. M. Williams. 7th Battn. 15.6.15.
Capt. H. G. Wright. 8th Battn. 6.6.15.

RADLEY

Lieut. T. W. C. Irwin. 2nd Battn. 31.10.18.
Capt. M. K. Hodgson. 1st Battn. 12.3.15.
Major H. L. Napier. 1st, attached 11th Battn. 17.11.15.

REPTON

2nd Lieut. F. A. Bright. 7th Battn. 13.10.17.
Lieut. H. P. Carey. 9th Battn. 25.8.15.

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2nd Lieut. E. H. N. Cordeux. 7th Battn. 1.10.15.
Major F. G. Cursham. 8th Battn. 31.8.18.
Capt. A. L. M. Dickins, M.C. 7th Battn. 21.3.18.
Capt. H. B. Dixon. 1st Battn. 12.3.15.
2nd Lieut. H. S. Dornton. 5th Battn. 1.7.16.
Lieut. G. L. Inchbold. 15th Battn. and R.A.F. 31.5.17.
2nd Lieut. H. L. Kerrich. 3rd, attached 6th Battn. 27.9.17.
2nd Lieut. R. D. P. Milner. 2nd Battn. 20.9.14.
Lieut. P. M. Murray. 2nd Battn. 20.9.14.

Rugby

2nd Lieut. G. E. Burdekin. 3rd Battn. attached N. Lancs. Rgt. 26.1.15.
Major P. M. Dove. 2nd Battn. 15.5.15.
Lt.-Col. G. H. Fowler. 8th Battn. 15.10.15.
Capt. R. M. Gotch. 7th Battn. 1.7.16.
Capt. H. B. S. Handford. 8th Battn. 15.10.15.
Lieut. E. F. S. Handford. 8th Battn. 15.10.15.
2nd Lieut. R. E. Hemingway. 8th Battn. 15.10.15.
Lieut. J. F. M. Hind. 9th Battn. 27.9.16.
Lieut. G. M. Hoyle. 3rd, attached 2nd Battn. 9.8.15.
Lieut. J. W. C. Taylor. 3rd, attached 2nd Battn. 9.8.15.
Capt. J. Tolson. 6th Battn. 28.10.17.
Lieut. R. D. Wheatcroft. 6th Battn. 2.7.16.

Tonbridge

2nd Lieut. E. A. M. Nichols. 12th, attached 15th Battn. 20.7.16.
2nd Lieut. C. Croucher. 6th Battn. 26.2.17.
2nd Lieut. R. B. Cecil. 5th Battn. 1.7.16.

Wellington

Capt. H. E. Backhouse. 2nd Battn. 15.10.16.
Lieut. C. E. V. Cree. 6th Battn. 20.7.16.
2nd Lieut. L. G. H. Harris. 2nd Battn. 2.11.14.
Capt. A. A. Schweder, M.C. 9th Battn. 26.9.16.
2nd Lieut. H. E. K. Travers. 14th, attached L. N. Lancs. Rgt. 8.11.16.

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WESTMINSTER

Capt. E. J. W. Hughes. 4th Battn. attached Machine Gun Corps. 20.9.17.
Lieut. W. E. V. Nelson. 10th Battn. 8.7.16.

WINCHESTER

2nd Lieut. W. H. Hollins. 8th Battn. 15.6.15.
Capt. E. H. Binney. 1st Battn. 11.10.17.

UPPINGHAM

Lieut. B. C. Ash. 2nd Battn. 20.9.14.
Capt. E. H. Brittain, M.C. 4th, attached 11th Battn. 15.6.18.
Capt. T. B. Cutts. 15th Battn. 20.7.16.
Lt.-Col. L. A. Hind, M.C. 7th Battn. 1.7.16.
Lieut. H. E. Hodding, M.C. 10th Battn. 8.11.18.
Capt. P. D. Laws, M.C. 16th Battn. 20.9.17.
Capt. F. B. Robinson. 6th Battn. 3.7.16.
2nd Lieut. R. Wheatley. 4th, attached 5th Battn. 24.11.16.

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LT.-COL. ALEXANDER MURRAY, 45TH REGIMENT

IN the last issue of the *Regimental Annual* we gave a photograph of Lt.-Col. Murray, who commanded the Grenadier Company of the 45th Regiment at the capture of Louisburg, and also the Grenadier Battalion, known as "the Louisburg Grenadiers," at the taking of Quebec; and in this number we are able, by the courtesy of his descendant, Capt. George Wolfe Murray, of Meldonfoot, Peebles, to give extracts from some letters written to and by Col. Murray about this period; it is hoped that perhaps some further letters from Louisburg and Quebec may be available for the next issue of our *Annual*.—Editor.

Lt.-Col. Alexander Murray was commissioned as Ensign in Lt.-Gen. Tyrrell's (17th) Regiment of Foot, on the 24th July,* 1739; became Lieutenant in Guise's (6th) Foot, 19th January, 1740; Captain in Gen. Houghton's (45th) Regiment of Foot, on the 19th April, 1742, and Major in the same Regiment, then known as Warburton's, on the 1st October, 1755. He was given the local rank of Lt.-Colonel in North America on the 31st December, 1758, to command the Louisburg Grenadiers; on the 25th February, 1760, he became Lt.-Colonel in the 55th, and on the 20th March of the year following in the 48th Foot, with which he died, during the operations connected with the capture of Martinique, on the 19th March, 1762.

Capt. Murray, as he then was, sailed from England for Boston in the *Mary* in July, 1749, and, writing to his wife from Fort Edward on the 26th July, 1754, he says: "I had a letter from the Major; he has had a letter from the Secretary

* Thus in the family records, but 17th July in Army List of the period.

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at War with fresh assurances of the preferment going on in the Regiment if old H. goes "—the allusion apparently being to Major Hungerford Luttrell who retired during this year, thus giving Capt. Murray his majority.

Early in the year 1759 Murray received the following letter from General Wolfe, under whom he was afterwards to serve at Quebec; it is dated "London, 28th January," and was as follows:—

"DEAR MAJOR,

"I wish it was as much in my power to assist you as I am inclined to do, and as I know you deserve. In speaking of our short campaign, it has fallen in my way sometimes to do you justice, the consequence of which is that you are to command a little Battalion of Grenadiers, with the rank of Lt.-Colonel, in America. This is an honour and a distinction leading to more solid advantages, for which the best foundation is laid, and if the future favours our good inclinations and united efforts, it shall be confirmed to you as you would wish. Boscawen has been pushing for Mr. Hussey,* and has such immoderate weight that I conclude he will succeed. I have spoken to the Marshall† upon it, and beg'd he would reflect and consider how mortifying a circumstance this must be to a man of honour and service older in rank and experience than the gentleman in question. Such a torrent of family influence and the merit of Mr. Boscawen's services bears down justice itself before it. My poor endeavours to serve you may be useful in some respects, tho' I am afraid they would be very ineffectual in this. We shall have, if we can get together, a powerful fleet and an active vigorous army, formidable from their spirit and experience, more than from their numbers. With this force we shall assist General Amherst's operations by a powerful diversion in the River St. Lawrence. The French are arming in all their ports with a view to the preservation of their colony, and will endeavour to throw in succour and provisions early in the year. I hope to be with you in May, and to find you in health with resolution equal

* Possibly Captain Henry Hussey, 47th.

† Lord Ligonier is probably meant: he had succeeded the Duke of Cumberland as C.-in-C. and M.-G. of the Ordnance in 1757.

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to the task that has fallen to our share. My compliments to Mrs. Murray.

"I am dr. Major, your most faithful and obedient servant,

"(Sd.) J. WOLFE."

The next letter is one from Col. Murray to his wife and is dated :—

"Field of Battle above, or rather behind, Quebec.

"*13th September*, 1759.

"MY DEAR LIFE,

"This day we forced the landing above Quebec. We got ashore by surprise, as at Kennington Cove.* When we had been about two hours ashore, the French regulars and Canadians, about 12,000, attacked us as in a set battle, when we beat them in about an hour. Our loss is great, as poor Wolfe is killed, Montcalm wounded, Cosnan,† Pinhorne† and Nevin† wounded. I escaped unhurt, according to my usual good luck, by the blessing of God.

"Adieu, my dear, believe me always truly yours always,

(Sd.) "A. MURRAY."

This was followed a week later by a longer and more detailed letter as under :—

"Battle of Quebec, *20th September*, 1759.

"Quebec.

"MY DEAREST MANIE,

"I had the pleasure to write you from the field of battle, the 13th, by Captain Brown. I will now give you a more circumstantial account of it. After many marches and countermarches to try either to steal or force a landing, which the wary Montcalm always prevented, we at last crossed over to Saint Levi, and marched through the woods, under the command of Brigadier Murray, to the entrance to the River Etchemine, with about 3000 men, and embarked on board some frigates and transports. Brigadier Townshend and Monckton, with about 2000 men, followed us the next day by the day, by the same route, and embarked at 10. That day the General joined us, and after several feints to

* Where he landed at Louisburg. † All of the 45th.

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land at different places, we were put into the boats about 12 o'clock at night, the 12th instant. The light infantry and Anstruther's " (58th Foot) " landed first and scrambled up just behind the town, up such another rock as the back of the Castle at Edinburgh at the West Kirk. The General being surprised, made but little resistance; we immediately all landed and got up the best way we could and formed. General Wolfe very judiciously took the heights within cannon shot of the town. I, with the Grenadiers, was on the right flank. The light infantry and Amherst on the left landing place to secure our retreat. Monckton commanded the right, with General Wolfe; Murray the left; Townshend the centre. The French immediately poured in from Beau Fort, and the Indians and Canadians kept harassing our flanks, and popping at a distance on our front, which killed and wounded a good many men. About 8 o'clock, contrary to our expectation, the French army advanced in a column to try and break our centre, and surrounded our left flank. We advanced very slowly and resolutely to receive them, the men being determined to conquer or die in their ranks rather than be scalped and hacked. The French fired at a distance and from the center of their column, which went all over us. So soon as we had got about 20 paces from them, we began to platoon, and then gave a general fire, after that there was no restraining the men; the Grenadiers ran in with their bayonets, Clan Deoul, the Highlanders, with their swords, and a general rout ensued, and to our great honour, the soldiers used the regulars with all the clemence possible, indeed the Canadians paid the cane at first. Several of my Grenadiers' bayonets were bent, and their muzzles dipped in gore, but so soon as the action was over there was no slaughter. Never was there a greater victory. Our loss is great, as poor General Wolfe was killed on the right with my people, Brigadier Monckton wounded, but will do well. Our loss killed, officers and men, are but 57; wounded, 590; the French own to 1500 men killed and wounded, but I think there must be many more, as I saw five hundred left on the field. We have a vast number of prisoners, a great many officers all with Croix de St. Louis. Of my corps, there was poor Jones of Whitmore's " (22nd Foot) " killed, Cosnan, Pinhorne and Nevin wounded;

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killed and wounded, 74 rank and file. The French lost Monsieur Montcalm, who was mortally wounded and carried off; Brigadier Senezergues killed on the spot. We immediately secured our camp with redoubts, worked all the 14th, the 15th, at night I was sent to the General Hospital and bridge and River Charles, with my corps, which consists of my General and Monckton's incorporated into mine, and took post there, which quite invested the place. The 17th they sent out to capitulate, and on the 18th I took possession with the Granadiers of the Army.* I have stole this time to tell you this story from sleep, as I am now regulating officer to Brigadier Murray as I was to Brigadier Whitmore at Louisburg. I had almost forgot to tell you that I am a Knight of the Order of St. Louis myself, for I took a cross and a sword in the action with my own hands from an officer of the Regiment of Guyenne. I beg you will send this to General Whitmore, as I have not time to do myself the pleasure of writing to him, which I hope he will excuse, also to Lord Rollo. I hope soon to have the pleasure to see you, as I fancy the Granadiers and I will be ordered to join their corps. They are fine fellows, and I believe would lay down their lives for me. . . . The town is in a miserable condition and the rascals have carried off almost all the stores and goods."

Col. Murray's next letter is from Camp at Schenectady on the 19th June, 1760, by which time he appears to have joined the 55th—"as far as I can see of this corps I shall be very happy with them"; and other letters during this year and the next are from "Camp at Fort Ontario, at Oswego," from "Trois Rivières," from "Crown Point," and from "Fort Edward"; his last letter is dated the 3rd February, 1762, from Martinique, whence on the 20th March, his old comrade in arms, Brigadier Monckton, wrote the following letter of condolence to Mrs. Murray:—

"MADAM,

"I am extremely sorry to have to acquaint you with the unhappy news of Lieut.-Colonel Murray's death. I have this moment received a letter from Sir James Cockburn,

* There is a family tradition that it was to Lieut.-Colonel Murray that the keys of Quebec were formally handed over on the surrender of the town taking place.

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acquainting me that the Colonel died suddenly yesterday. As I was sending to England (though a very disagreeable task), I thought it best to acquaint you with it. I shall give orders that proper care be taken of his effects, and that everything shall be transmitted to you by the first opportunity. The Colonel's loss will be much felt among his friends, and by none more than,

"Madam,

"Your most obedient and humble servant,

"ROBT. MONCKTON."

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A TRIP TO BORNEO IN 1903

"COME to Borneo on board the *Phœnix*," was the invitation I received, and although I knew that it would be hot I jumped at the idea of seeing a new country and also studying a little naval life on board ship. I was the Captain's guest and his cabin was situated right aft over the screw!

I have travelled a good many miles amidships in large liners without feeling very ill, but when one gets over the screws of a sloop in even a moderate sea all thoughts of being a good sailor vanish from one's mind.

I got on board the *Phœnix* by 8 a.m. on the 18th May and did justice to my breakfast. I mention this as I took very little interest in any meals for about forty-eight hours after. She had just been recommissioned and Captain Nicholson, my host, was the only soul on board that I knew.

We did our steam trial without any mishap, and about 11.30 a.m. left Hong-Kong for Sandakan. I managed to get hold of a good deck chair where, with a book, I tried to feel happy.

But the good ship rolled and tossed about and soon I was reduced to sleeping, and cursing the day that I ever said that I would go. For three days we saw no land; but as the sea became pretty calm I was able to take a certain amount of interest in the work going on on board.

On the 21st we began to see land and on the 22nd passed close to some lovely islands, none of which seemed to have any inhabitants, but must have been full of game of all sorts.

On Sunday morning 23rd about 10 a.m. we dropped anchor in Sandakan harbour. As we came in we met a launch full of people going out for a picnic to an island.

Everyone in Sandakan seemed asleep, but about 1 p.m. a man of the Borneo Police came off to say that the Acting Governor, Major Raffles Flint, would be delighted to see

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Captain Nicholson; so about 4 p.m. he went up. I followed about 5 p.m. to pay my unofficial visit, but was stopped on the way at the club by a very hospitable doctor who insisted on my drinking three gin-slings. By the time I got to the Governor's he was coming out with Capt. Nicholson, so he took my call as made, and again we adjourned to the club where we listened to the band of the Borneo Police and drank many more gin-slings.

Monday the 25th was celebrated as Empire Day by a grand parade of all the Borneo Police and the bluejackets of the *Phœnix*, followed by a football match in which the *Phœnix* team were just beaten.

About 8 p.m. the Skipper and I went off to the Acting Governor's house for a Coronation dinner which lasted till 2 a.m. the next morning. Certainly the rubbers of bridge were a trifle long, as our worthy host, who did not play himself, insisted on the dummy always having a whisky and soda outside in a long chair with him, and after a certain time great reluctance to move out of the chairs was observed.

I heard wonderful stories of the sport obtainable in the island. There were men there who had shot elephant and hippo: the trophies of these—to say nothing of pigs' tushes about 11 inches long and alligator heads of huge dimensions—were enough to make one want to stop in Borneo for months.

For the next three days we were entertained royally by everyone, playing matches of every description, and the last morning were present at the launching of a new lighter belonging to the biggest timber firm of the place.

It was with great regret that we left Sandakan.

I forgot to say that Sandakan was fairly cool, most of the houses being built on a ridge which gets the breeze whichever way it blows.

On the 30th we arrived at Labuan and soon made the acquaintance of the Governor of British North Borneo, E. W. Birch, Esq., C.M.G., who at once started to entertain the whole ship. There were not many white people in this place, but what there were seemed keen on golf and in consequence a jolly little nine-hole course was laid out close to the sea.

Here we stayed for four days and were then ordered to

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proceed to Brunei, where the Sultan had been seeing how unpleasant he could—with impunity—be to the British Consul.

We had a decidedly perilous voyage up the river, there being plenty of water in places and none at all in others, but except once when I said we bumped and the skipper said we did not, we arrived safely at the magnificent city of Brunei. It consisted of about two hundred huts built on piles just above the high level of the river; and as there were no sanitary arrangements whatever, at low tide the odour that pervades the place is not too pleasant. Our skipper preferred anchoring a mile down stream instead of in front of the palace, which was a hut slightly larger than the rest.

We had taken the British Consul (who had lately been residing in Labuan) back with us and he with Captain Nicholson interviewed the Sultan on the points at issue. The result was that after two days a miserable-looking worm was brought on board as the murderer of the last Consul and put between decks, which at that time were more than hot.

Brunei at high tide was delightfully pretty, being surrounded with hills covered in vegetation and full of game.

The river was full of crocodiles but the native "kids" swam about with impunity. The boats were simply "dug-outs" holding any number from one to sixteen. I heard that the small ones were often overturned by crocodiles when hungry.

On the 6th of June we returned to Labuan and played more matches at golf.

On the 8th the Governor took Capt. Nicholson and me across the bay to see a station just started. It consisted of a clearing by the shore, having one house for the English resident (a cheery life) and about twenty native huts; also a police station, the Chief of the Police being a reclaimed head-hunter.

The chief inhabitant of the village or settlement was a dusky lady covered with charms, who wrangled with the Governor for quite an hour in order to express the fact that she felt herself rather old for the reins of office, especially as the place was daily growing larger. She was not particularly clean or good-looking, but a junior Lieutenant from the

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Phœnix tried to be pleasant in order to get her to part with her bangles; however, he only got rebuffs.

On return to Labuan we expected to get orders to proceed to Sarawak, but nothing arrived in the shape of a wire until June the 8th when I received a wire directing me to return at once. I packed up immediately and took the first steamer to Singapore and from there back to Hong-Kong, having passed a very pleasant month, and having seen a little of a country which is not half well enough known.

R. H. K.

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ANNUAL DINNER OF OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, OF THE 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS; AND SOME OTHER MATTERS

THIS Dinner was held on the 28th June, 1925, at the Hyde Park Hotel, when the following attended: General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Gens. the Rt. Hon. Sir F. C. Shaw, K.C.B. and Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.; Major-Gen. B. F. Burnett-Hitchcock, C.B., D.S.O.; Brig.-Gens. C. R. Crofton-Atkins, C.B.E., G. G. Cunningham, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., H. A. Iggulden, C.I.E., F. C. Godley, M.V.O., P. Leveson-Gower, C.M.G., D.S.O., J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G. and O. C. Wolley-Dod, C.B., D.S.O.; Cols. Sir C. Kaye, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.B.E., G. Knowles, D.S.O., J. McCleverty, R. G. Munn, C.M.G., W. E. Pye, C.I.E., A. W. M. Wilson and H. C. Wylly, C.B.; Lt.-Cols. W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., C. Didham, C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., T. H. M. Green, D.S.O., R. H. Keller, D.S.O., O.B.E., J. A. Reeks, O.B.E., K. C. Weldon, D.S.O., J. S. Wilkinson, D.S.O., M.C. and J. H. Wybergh; Majors E. N. T. Collin, W. B. Coney, J. M. S. Crealock, G. D. Edwards, A. A. Fenn, D.S.O., E. A. G. Gosset, F. Porter and H. V. Rhodes, O.B.E.; Capts. F. E. Jones, M.C., J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., R. R. Shawcross, R. B. Tower, M.C., N. A. McD. Walker, H. D. B. Willcox, D.S.O., M.C. and M. H. Cooper; Lieuts. J. St. J. Balguy, H. F. Coleman, E. A. Coxon, H. G. Fowler, R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C., T. Mason, C. H. A. Sturge and 2nd Lieut. R. T. K. Pye.

It will be noticed that there were four officers present who left the Corps between thirty-five and twenty-seven years ago for the Indian Army: surely a great tribute to their affectionate remembrance of their old British Regiment!

On the afternoon of the same day and at the same place

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the Ladies of the Regiment held their annual Reunion, which was, as usual, largely attended, upwards of fifty being present. A feature of this year's gathering was the presence of no fewer than seven " Daughters of the Regiment ! "

AN OLD 45TH EMBARKATION RETURN

THE old Return, of which here we give a reproduction, appears to refer to the following entry taken from page 16 of Col. Dalbiac's *History of the 45th Regiment*: " In March, 1794, Ensign Christopher Reve died, and in April the remains of the Regiment, amounting to only 5 officers, 15 sergeants, 20 corporals, 8 drummers, 28 privates, 14 women and 14 children embarked in the ship *Ulysses* for England, and, under command of Lieut.-Colonel Nicholas, landed at Portsmouth on the 28th July, occupying Hilsea Barracks."

It will be seen that while the same embarkation is referred to in the text above quoted as in that contained in the accompanying reproduction of the " State," the two do not wholly agree; but, further, the Monthly Returns for this period, preserved in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, are not in agreement with our History nor with the Embarkation Return !

The Monthly Return, dated " 1st May, 1794, on board H.M.S. *Ulysses*," shows of the 45th Regiment: 1 captain (H. Hawley), 4 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 1 quartermaster, 1 surgeon, 17 sergeants, 10 drummers, and 38 rank and file; the numbers of the corporals, privates, women and children are not given. In this Return, Lieut.-Col. O. Nicholls is shown as absent by leave of the Commander-in-Chief since the 18th July, 1791. The Return for the 1st July, 1794, endorsed " just arrived at Bristol from West Indies," shows the commissioned ranks as on 1st May, while the rank and file are given as

Present and fit for duty .	29
Sick or lame . . .	16
Left sick at Barbadoes .	1
On command . . .	3
Recruiting . . .	32
Total .	81

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The July, 1794, Monthly Return is endorsed "going to Guernsey," and the 45th was certainly there, now under command of Lt.-Col. Nicholls, on the 1st September of this year; and it is only on the 1st December, 1794, that the Monthly Return shows the Regiment at Hilsea, when it appears to have contained 1 lieut.-colonel, 7 captains, 8 lieutenants, 1 adjutant, 1 quartermaster, 1 surgeon, 27 sergeants, 8 drummers, and 625 rank and file.

The expression "drafted regiments" of course means that these five regiments—the 32nd, 45th, 48th, 60th and 67th—handed over all their healthy men to the regiments relieving them in the West Indies and came home mere cadres.

EXTRACT FROM THE HISTORY OF THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LEINSTER REGIMENT (ROYAL CANADIANS)

"In the same year (1887) the plate was augmented by a cup to commemorate what must be one of the most extraordinary tug-of-war triumphs on record. The inscription on the cup tells its own tale:—

"This cup commemorates the famous tug-of-war Match between the 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment R. C. (100th Foot) and the 2nd Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (95th Foot), which was won by the 100th after a pull lasting fifty-seven minutes—Fort William, Calcutta, 1887.

"In the year 4925, when this cup is disinterred by the successors to Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter, they will stand amazed at this tribute to the stamina of the Old British Army."

The facts are as above stated, but a valued correspondent reminds us that this is not the longest-enduring tug-of-war on record, that being held by H and E Companies, 2nd Battalion, for a tug contested at Jubbulpore, 12th August, 1889, which lasted for *two hours and forty-one minutes*. H Company was the winner. It lasted till dusk, when candles

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were produced to see the competition by and, incidentally, to keep sympathisers off the rope—inter-company excitement running very high!

"LONG JIMMY"

IT is always a joy to read of a former officer of ours being honoured, and in the last *Birthday Honours Gazette*—that of the 3rd June, 1925—we were delighted to notice that Major-General W. B. James, C.B., C.I.E., M.V.O., one time a subaltern in G Company of the 2nd Battalion, had been awarded a knighthood. William Bernard James was gazetted to the Regiment on the 30th January, 1886, and joined the 2nd Battalion at Dum Dum in April of that year. In the following year he married Miss Minto, stepdaughter of Major Sterndale, cantonment magistrate of Dum Dum, the occasion being one of great rejoicing, and the wag of G Company thoughtfully placing a large ammunition boot on the lap of the bride as she was upon the point of driving away on her honeymoon! James was appointed to the Staff Corps in December, 1887, and was posted to the 2nd Lancers.

From 1900–1 he was employed in the Intelligence Branch of the War Office, served in 1902 in the South African War, and from 1903–1908 he was on the Staff in India. During 1913 and 1914 he commanded the 21st Cavalry, Frontier Force, and in the Great War he served as D.A. and Q.M.G., and Brig.-Gen. General Staff, with the Indian Cavalry Corps. From 1919–22 he commanded the Bombay Brigade, and in 1922 he was appointed Director of Remounts, India, an appointment he still holds.

He was at home some few months ago and looked much the same as he did thirty-seven years ago: he was certainly quite as long as ever!

CONGRATULATIONS

WE are sure that all ranks of the Regiment will join us in offering very hearty congratulations to Colonel G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., T.D., who until recently was commanding the Sherwood Forester Brigade of the Territorial Army, on his appointment of A.D.C. to H.M. The King.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

THESE two old letters are interesting: one of them is curious—indeed, quite a rum 'un!

To the Rt. Honble. Sir George Yonge, Bart.,
Secretary at War, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of Major Peter Daly, Commanding H.M.'s 45th Regt. of Foot at Grenada.

Humbly Sheweth

That the 45th Regt. arrived in Grenada the beginning of May last to relieve the 2nd Battalion of the 60th Regiment; that since their arrival they have never received their proportion of rum usually issued to the Soldier along with his ration (& which is issued at present to every other Regt. quartered in the Windward Islands: namely St. Vincent, Dominica, Antigua &c.) that he has applied to the President of the Island and been informed that no rum would be allowed the troops by the Colony.

He therefore hopes that in consideration of the men's health, who are at present under the necessity of using water only, their situation may be laid before his Majesty; praying that he would be graciously pleased to order that the 45th Regiment may be put on the same footing with the other Regiments quartered in this Country.

All which is humbly submitted,

PETER DALY,
Major 45th.

GRENADA,
8th June, 1786.

GRENADA,
June 8th, 1786.

SIR,

I have taken the liberty to enclose a Memorial, in behalf of the 45th Regiment which I have at present the honor to Command. I trust I shall not be deemed impertinent in having taken this step, as I am informed the reason of our not receiving the same allowance of Rum that is issued to

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all the other Regts. in this Country, is, that Government supposes it is furnished by the Island, which is not done now, neither, as far as I can Judge and am Informed, is it ever intended.

I have the honor to be,

PETER DALY,

Major, 45th Regt.

To Rt. Honble. Sir George Yonge, Bart.,
Secretary at War, &c. &c. &c.

To Rt. Honble. the Lords Commissioners of H. M.'s Treasury. The Memorial of Ralph Hill, Captain in H. M.'s 45th Regt. of Foot and late Commander of Fort Amherst in the Island of St. John's & its Out Posts.

Most humbly sheweth

That your Memorialist during his Command there from 1st Aug: 1764 to 31st July 1765, was at Great Expense in cutting Wood, providing Hay for the Cattle, and other Extraordinary Expenses amounting to £274 12s. as pr. account annexed which he had not an opportunity of drawing for from Fort Amherst.

Your Memorialist most humbly prays that your Lordships will be pleased to Grant your Warrant for the same, as he could not be paid in America.

And your Memorialist will ever pray &c.

A FOOTBALL RECORD

WE are sure that our readers will wish to offer their very hearty congratulations to all ranks of the 2nd Battalion in general, and to their football team in particular, on the extraordinarily successful football season which they have now brought to a close, winning the five chief football competitions in India. Particulars of these matches will be found under 2nd Battalion Notes. It must be a record for any one Battalion to have thus swept the board in one season.

We notice that Rugby Football has also been resuscitated

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in the Battalion ; this was started at the Curragh in 1879–80, was then dropped for a few years, was revived at Lucknow in 1883 and played again in Calcutta in the later eighties. The 2nd Battalion probably holds another record—for playing " Soccer " at a higher altitude than any other British battalion, in the camp at Gnatong in 1888, at 12,000 feet—a very exhausting game against a team of the 32nd Pioneers and other denizens of that elevated camp. We seem to remember Colour-Sergeant " Tom " Collins making himself somewhat unpopular by alluding to a 32nd player, one Madi Singh, as " Black draught " ; a playful skit on the similarity of his name, as anglicized by the British soldier, with " Medicine " !

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XVII

AFTER LONG YEARS.

I DON'T know that there is any feeling in this world which gives more pleasure than to know that, if you go to a certain house at any time of the day, you are certain of a very real and warm welcome, and will be made to feel that you are really wanted from the moment you ring the bell. Now this is just the feeling I have every year and all the year through when I look forward to the Regimental Dinner.

I know quite well that, like many others, I was only on the books of the Regiment for some three short years and yet, at the same time, I am as sure of a very real welcome when I come to the Annual Dinner as if I had spent all my service in it. In fact we who left the 45th and 95th to go into the Indian Army, are made to feel most certainly and surely that once a Forester. always a Forester.

Just about the time I joined, in 1889, regiments in India were being drained of their youngsters for the Indian Army or Indian Staff Corps, as it then was. Commanding Officers saw promising young officers (I am not speaking of myself, please) who were training on nicely, leave their battalions to better their prospects of pay, pension and active service. Adjutants saw young subalterns, whom they had managed to lick into shape, leave the regiment, three or four in a year sometimes, and knew that they would have to go all through the same work again with another lot, only to see half of them leave the regiment after a year or two.

Now, in some regiments, subalterns who intended to go to the Indian Staff Corps had a bad time ; they were looked down on, given no leave and generally made to feel that they were outsiders and were not real members of the regiment to which they had been actually gazetted. That this is a fact is beyond question: one heard it discussed so often after joining one's

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Indian regiment. But we, who joined the Old Regiment, with the ultimate intention of transferring to the Indian Army, were lucky. We never once had it cast in our teeth that we were using the old corps as a stepping-stone for another service. Consequently, when the time came to go, we left with the deepest regrets and would have given our eyes, almost, to have been able to stay on. We felt that we were in the Regiment and of the Regiment all the time. Moreover, we all looked back to the time we had spent in the Regiment with pride and felt that we had a very high standard to live up to. We felt that we had been and still were, members of the finest line Regiment in the service and that it was up to us to see that we kept up to this standard in our new regiments.

Is it surprising then that most of us, now that we are retired and have the opportunity, come to the Regimental Dinner every year if we can? We know that we shall be most heartily and truly welcomed by all those with whom we served as well as by those who joined after we had gone, and we are proud to know, as our Colonel told us at the dinner last year, that we are just as much at home as if we had spent the whole of our service with our old Regiment.

A B Company Subaltern.

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XVIII

"LOOK AROUND AND YOU WILL FIND, EVERY CLOUD IS SILVER-LINED."

PROBABLY most soldiers, if asked what were the dullest and least amusing duties they ever had to perform, would award the palm to Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry. It sometimes happens, however, that "A little ray of sunshine" brightens up even these.

At Malta in the year 1899 a Court of Inquiry was investigating the case of a soldier with a damaged hand. The injured warrior appeared with his arm in a sling, and gave his evidence as follows—much to the amusement of the Court:—"At St. Elmo Barracks on July 19th, 1899, about 8 p.m., I had a slight altercation with Pte. Smith. He struck me in the face, so I retaliated, thereby injuring my hand" ! ! !

In 1899 there was stationed at Shorncliffe a "Provisional Battalion," consisting of the "Details" of those Infantry Regiments which had both their Battalions abroad. A Regimental Court Martial was convened, and advantage was taken of this to order several newly joined Subalterns to attend as "Officers under Instruction," as well as a couple of Volunteer Officers belonging to a Battalion which was doing its training there at the time. In those days it was laid down in an Appendix at the end of the "Queen's Regulations" that Officers would attend Regimental Courts Martial in "Marching Order." The Volunteer Officers not unnaturally laboured under the delusion that the "Queen's Regulations" were meant to be obeyed, so they arrived on the scene in full "Marching Order," with rolled greatcoats, haversacks, waterbottles, etc. This was too much for the gravity of the Court, and one young Subaltern was so overcome with uncontrollable laughter that the President was obliged to order him to withdraw altogether.

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In N. Nigeria " Government Horses " were kept for British N.C.O.'s to ride on the line of march. When they died, it was necessary to hold a Court of Inquiry to put the facts on record so that the animals could be " written off." One of these horses died at Ibi on the Benue towards the end of the rainy season in 1901. There were only two Officers in the station, and the Court of Inquiry was not held till two or three days afterwards, when it was obviously impossible." to view the body." There was some slight discussion as to the wording of the " Finding," but finally, after duly recording the death, it ran as follows : " The Members of the Court, having seen the animal in a moribund condition on the previous evening, are of opinion that it died of the prevailing horse-sickness of the country." In acknowledging the receipt of the " Proceedings " some two or three weeks later, the Commanding Officer expressed the opinion that " the matter had been treated with misplaced levity."

In the summer of 1904 a District Court Martial was ordered to assemble at Golden Hill in the Isle of Wight to deal with a case which occurred during the " Annual Training " of a regiment which rejoiced in the short and convenient title of " The Duke of Edinburgh's Own Edinburgh Royal Garrison Artillery Militia." A Gunner was charged with striking a Corporal, and witnesses were called to prove that the man had struck the Corporal in the face, making his nose bleed freely. The third witness (Gr. Saunders) was one of the escort who took the accused to the Guard-room. Saunders himself looked like a modern personification of Bacchus, and this added greatly to the humorous side of what followed. Question by the Prosecutor : " Where were you when this disturbance took place ? " Answer : " In the Canteen." Question : " What state was the Corporal in when you arrived ? " (Previous witnesses had stated that the Corporal's face was covered with blood), the witness knew quite well what was meant, but with a twinkle in his eye he replied : " Sir, I consider that the Corporal was perfectly sober."

" Inspections " are always full of hope, when regarded as sources of amusement—especially if the General is one of the " chatty " variety. For example, it is not unamusing to see the Second-in-Command solemnly explaining to the General

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that the "potato-peeler" in the Cook House is a mincing-machine. Things are always most hopeful, however, when the Inspecting Officer begins talking to the men and asking them questions. Seven or eight years ago the Secunderabad Division was commanded by a distinguished soldier of a most benevolent appearance, who had previously been a member of the Army Council. He paid one of his periodical visits to Bangalore shortly after the British Infantry Regiment stationed there had received the "Annual Draft" from the Home Battalion, so he decided that he would inspect the new draft. The men were formed up, and the General walked along and began to question each man about his work in civil life, and such like matters. It would appear from the answers received that there was not a man who had been earning less than five shillings a day, and that one and all had been seized with martial enthusiasm and had thrown up good jobs expressly to enlist!!! Coming to a smart young soldier, the General said in a fatherly manner: "Well, my boy, and what made you enlist?" Thereupon a broad grin spread over the features of the youthful warrior, and he replied: "Ah, sir. That's rather a funny story." The General turned with a smile to the Colonel, and said: "I think perhaps I'd better not ask any more."

When General Creagh was Commander-in-Chief in India, he once inspected the 17th Lancers at Meerut on a dismounted parade, and he took advantage of the opportunity to question the men. Turning to a man in the ranks, he said: "How long have you been in this country?" The man belonged to a draft which had only just joined the Regiment, so he immediately replied: "Ten days, sir." It would seem that the Commander-in-Chief was a bit deaf, and thought that the man had said "Ten years"; for his next question, asked in the most sympathetic tone, caused great joy to the bystanders: "And *all the time* with this Regiment?"!!!

Very few of the subjects which make up "the trivial round, the common task" of "Barrack-square soldiering" in peace-time seem less likely to afford amusement than musketry, but even this occasionally gives "the Laughing Philosopher" some happy moments. Not many years ago the Sergt.-Major of a certain infantry depot had been expatiating at some

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length on the importance of soldiers thinking for themselves, and expressing things in their own words. Shortly after this, he went to have a look at a squad of recruits who were having their first lessons in musketry. Turning to a bright-looking youth, he said: "Now, Jones, can you tell me how many cartridges you can put into the rifle?" "Yes, sir. Ten in the tin, and one in the funnel."

In January, 1901, a Subaltern arrived at Lokoja to join what was then known as the 2nd Battalion of the W.A.F.F., and he was at once detailed to put a party of about fifty men through their "Recruits' Musketry Course." To assist him he had half a dozen Native N.C.O.'s, the senior of whom was a very fine fellow who had just been promoted Sergeant for gallantry in action—he was killed at Bima a few years later. Naturally the Subaltern at first knew no Hausa at all, and he soon discovered that the Sergeant was acquainted with exactly two words of English apart from "words of command." It should be explained that in the W.A.F.F. the native soldiers wear nothing at all on their feet, so that the following incident was far less brutal than it sounds. On the first musketry parade the Subaltern was considerably astonished to see the Sergeant dancing up and down the line of recruits, kicking them on the shins, and shouting out: "Dom fool! Dom fool!"

Those who have been stationed in or near Portsmouth will remember that at Browndown there are three ranges, side by side in echelon at about 200 yards distance. In the spring of 1903 parties of recruits from two Battalions were firing their course on these ranges. One day during a practice at 400 yards the efforts of a recruit who was firing at No. 5 target on the middle range failed to awaken any responsive echo in the butts. He seemed to be absolutely steady, but his Instructor could see no sign of the bullets striking. After several misses the Sergeant ordered him to lower his sight to 300 yards, but still he failed to see the strike of the bullet. Determined not to be beaten, the Instructor now ordered "200." The effect was electrical, for at the next shot the whole of the party firing on the range to the right leapt to their feet and fled. The bright youth had been steadily firing at No. 5 Target on "C" range instead of "B," and his last bullet had struck one of

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the number-pegs on the firing-point just by the Assistant Adjutant of the other Battalion ! ! !

A few years ago, while a Company in India was firing its Annual Course, one soldier seemed quite unable to find the target at 500 yards. After two or three misses he made up his mind that he was going low, so he raised his sight to 600 yards. but he still failed to trouble the markers. His Sergeant asked what sight he was using, and on being informed he advised the man to lower it. At the next shot the bullet was seen to strike almost half-way down the range. Thereupon the following conversation was overheard: "What sight were you using that time, Smith?" "Three hundred yards, Sergeant." "Bah! You go from the sublime to the ridiculous, you do."

At first sight a battalion on the march may not seem at all a promising object; but even this may sometimes prove to be "A source of innocent merriment." In the spring of 1902 a certain battalion came home after a tour of very nearly twenty-one years' foreign service. Much to its disgust the battalion had spent the last two years in Malta, and had not managed to get to South Africa. It was now ordered to Parkhurst in the Isle of Wight. While the regiment was forming up at Cowes, preparatory to marching off, a fussy little man, obviously the reporter of the local paper, was seen hanging around and taking notes. To appreciate what followed it is necessary to know that the Colonel was a very big man with a red face and a manner which (at the very best of times) was decidedly brusque. The horses of the mounted Officers had not yet been landed, so when the Battalion moved off the Colonel strode along behind the band. The little reporter looked at the Colonel in a timid manner, then screwed up his courage, sidled up to him, and thus addressed him: "Excuse me, sir; but have you come from South Africa?" The very mention of South Africa was like a red rag to a bull, so the Colonel barked out "No," and the little reporter shied off hastily to the footpath. Once more, however, he screwed up his courage, edged up to the Colonel and said: "Excuse me, sir; but where have you come from?" The Colonel replied in an explosive manner "Malta," and the reporter again retired in haste. Convinced, however, that it behoved

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him, as the representative of the British Press, to dare everything, the little man approached yet a third time, and said: "Excuse me, sir; but are you a General?" ! ! ! This brought matters to a climax, and the Colonel closed this unconventional interview by shouting out: "No! No! Go away! Go away!"

All who have soldiered in Malta know full well that in most of the villages which are scattered thoroughout the island outside Valletta the streets are narrow and very winding, so that it is quite a simple matter to lose touch in them and take the wrong turning. In the year 1900 one or two battalions of the Royal Reserve Regiment (the predecessors of the Garrison Regt.) were stationed in the island, and the following incident occurred when one of them was returning to St. Elmo Barracks after a route march. On arriving at the Porte Reale, the Colonel blew his whistle and puffed out his chest; and the Second-in-Command drew his sword and glared fixedly to his front. (In those days the Second-in-Command accompanied the Colonel, and the Adjutant rode behind the Battalion.) Needless to say, the band played a stirring march. The Colonel, however, could not help noticing that the crowd in the Strada Reale, instead of gazing with admiration at himself and his battalion as they swept by "in all the pomp and circumstance of glorious war," appeared to be overcome by uncontrollable laughter. He looked round to see what could possibly account for this unseemly mirth, and he then made the horrifying discovery that there was no battalion! ! ! It had taken the wrong turn in the last village.

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XIX

WHERE ARE THE BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE?

MY thanks are again due to several Old Comrades who have once more supplied me with information for this Annual.

I am always glad to hear from any one concerning Old Comrades.

As the Annual Dinner will be in Derby in 1926, perhaps any Comrades who have information concerning friends will let me have it there.

T. P. THOMPSON,
O.R.Q.M.Sergt.

The following changes have taken place in the Depot Staff during the last twelve months.

C.S.M. McCormack, J. .	. Discharged as medically unfit. I have heard from him lately and understand that he has now almost recovered from the malady he suffered from.
C.S.M. Townsend, G. W.	. Promoted C.S.M. and posted from 1st Battn. *vice* McCormack. He is a very fine batsman and also keeps a good goal for the Depot at football. Played goal for the Leicesters when the 2nd Battn. played them in the Army Cup in 1911.
Sgt. Conduit, A. W. .	. Posted to Depot from 2nd Battn. for tour of duty.
Sgt. Butler, C. . .	. Posted home from 2nd Battn. on compassionate grounds. Attached to Depot temporarily.
Sgt. Moss, E. . .	. Posted to 1st Battn. on promotion.
Sgt. Heath, W. . .	. Posted to 1st Battn. on promotion.
C.Q.M.S. Piper, W. .	. Promoted and posted to 1st Battn.
C.Q.M.S. Barber, W. H.	. Posted to 1st Battn. and promoted to R.Q.M.S. *vice* Cuckson to Lieut. and Q.M.

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R.Q.M.S. Dady, C. H. (D.C.M.)	Posted from 2nd Battn. for duty *vice* Cranage, to pension.
Sgt. Sutton, J.	Posted to 1st Battn. and promoted C.Q.M.S., and absorbed a vacancy very quickly in the rank of C.S.M.
Sgt. Grant, T. H.	Posted to 1st Battn. on completion of tour of duty. Promoted C.Q.M.S. A noted rifle shot and Hythe Instr. Sings some capital songs and his harmony is very much missed by 4926 Lodge R.A.O.B.
Sgt. Kilminster, C.	Posted to Depot from 1st Battn. for tour of duty.
Sgt. Tippet, H.	Posted from 1st Battn. for tour of duty.
Lce.-Sgt. Bradbury, E.	Ditto.
Lce.-Sgt. Irwin, C.	Ditto.
Lce.-Sgt. Meaden, C.	Ditto.
Cpl. Hurst, E.	Ditto.
Cpl. Smith, T.	Ditto.
Cpl. Horne, A.	Ditto.
Cpl. Cooper, G. H.	Ditto.
Cpl. Redford, W. C.	Ditto.
Cpl. Jones, J. E. T.	Ditto.
Cpl. Wass, T. R.	Posted to 1st Battn. on completion of tour of duty.

The following Old Comrades have been located :—

2676 ex-Pte. Todd, J.	Late 1st and 2nd Battns. 1873 to 1894. India Medal and Clasp "Burmah." Lives in Randolph Road, Derby.
8956 ex-Pte. Harris, W.	2nd Battn. and Army Reserve. Served in France, 1914. Prisoner of War. Living in Langold, near Worksop.
ex-R.S.M. Collins, T.	R.S.M. of 2nd Battn. Discharged about 1897 in India. Now employed as Clerk to the Borough Coroner, Derby.
ex-Pte. White, E. G.	2nd Battn. Left Battn. in Bareilly. Now a pensioned Police Sgt., and lives in Elswick, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
ex-Cpl. Smith, G. A.	Late Band of 1st Battn. Lives in Bulwell and anticipates taking up employment in Malta.
ex-Pte. Fearn, J. A.	Served with 2nd Battn. in France and gassed at Loos. Transferred to Welsh Guards M. G. Company and after joined Welsh Guards and transferred to Army Reserve. Called up for Reservists' Training at the Depot, 1925, and died suddenly on the rifle range. Buried at Chesterfield with full Military Honours.

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ex-Cpl. Nicholls, J. T. .	2nd Battn. Son of the late R.S.M. Nicholls. Discharged medically unfit after eighteen years' service. Now living at 26 Balaclava Road, Derby.
ex-Pte. Coyne, W. . .	Served during the war with 1st Garr. Battn., afterwards a Drummer and then Pioneer on Depot Staff. Discharged to pension and living at 303 Osmaston Park Road, Derby. Being an old soldier, it will be almost impossible for him to forget the number of his house. Formerly served with The Ross-shire Buffs, and has the British and Egyptian Sudan Medals.
ex-R.S.M. Walker, F. . .	Late 2nd Battn. and A/R.S.M. 8th Battn. Newark. Discharged to pension and living in Newark.
ex-R.S.M. Whitworth, J. (D.C.M.) .	Late 1st and 9th Battns. A/R.S.M. 5th Battn. To pension and living in Derby. Gained D.C.M. at Gallipoli on 9.8.1915 for splendid work on that date.
ex-C.S.M. Howarth, W. D. (D.C.M.) .	Now employed with The County Court Offices, Bailiff's Department.
ex-Sgt. Jackson, W. . .	Ditto.
ex-Sgt. Barber, J. . .	Ditto.
ex-Sgt. Robinson, J. . .	Ditto.
ex-Pte. Timson, J. . .	No. 11755 C Company, 1st Battn., and B Company, 2nd Battn. Served throughout the War. Now living at 50 Kuritoni Street, Masterton, N.Z. Has a fruit and vegetable round. Doing very good business and states that there is plenty of work in that country for anyone who is not afraid of putting his back into it. Sends greetings to all old comrades. In his letter he says that he has got hold of the 1922 *Annual*, so it seems that our books travel far afield.
ex-Sgt.-Mtr.-Ck. Oakley, F. .	Late Mtr.-Cook 4th Battn. Now employed as Sgts. Mess Caterer at Depot *vice* ex-Bd.-Mtr. S. Howarth.
ex-Bd.-Mtr. Howarth, S. .	Late 2nd Battn. Now living at 34 Elm Tree Avenue, Derby.
B.1632 Lce.-Cpl. Hewitt, H. .	Enlisted at Derby for the 95th, August, 1878. Discharged in Jubbulpore, 1890. Served with the Regiment in the Egyptian War of 1882. Egyp-

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tian Medal and Khedive's Star. He was one of the first recruits to arrive at Normanton Barracks when they were first opened. Now retired and living at 14 Irene Street, Brunshaw Road, Burnley. He wishes to be remembered to any old comrades who may be still alive who served with him, also sends his kindest regards to all members of the Regiment.

The following Old Comrades have answered the Last Call during the past year :—

Major Tyler, F. . . .	Late Q.M. of the Depot. Died very suddenly at his residence at Mill Hill Lane, Derby, on 14th March, 1925. Buried with full Military Honours in Nottingham Road Cemetery on 17th March, 1925. Carried to his last rest by members of the Sergeants' Mess, Depot.
C.S.M. Unwin, A. . .	2nd Battn. Died of heat stroke whilst on the march to the Hill Station, July, 1925. Leaves a widow and two children.
ex-Sgt. Ensor, H. E. . .	Late 1st Battn. Served during Great War with R.A.S.C. Died suddenly in Nottingham on 11th October, 1924. (Also served with 1st Battn. in South Africa.)
ex-Lce.-Sgt. Cunningham, C.. (1817)	Died at Derby on 7th September, 1925, of acute bronchitis. Buried in Nottingham Road Cemetery with full Military Honours.
ex-Pte. Johnson, W. . .	Army Reservist, 1st Battn. Died in Royal Infirmary, Derby, July, 1925. Buried by the Old Comrades' Association in Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby.
ex-Pte. Wood, Noah . .	Late 2/5th Battn. Died 29th August, 1925, and buried in Uttoxeter Road Cemetery, Derby. Buried with full Military Honours. Formerly served with the Leicestershire Regiment.
Pte. Wright, Thomas . .	A Mutiny veteran, late 95th Foot. Enlisted in 1857, and served 21 years with the Regiment. Died at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on the 15th October, 1925, aged 86 years.

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THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, 1925

THE Fourteenth Annual General Meeting was held in Nottingham, on Saturday, 17th October, 1925.

Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment and President of the Association, again presided, and was supported by Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., and Major M. McGuire, O.B.E., Vice-Presidents, and Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Lt.-Col. K. C. Weldon, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion, and about 130 members of the Association were present.

The minutes of the last General Meeting, held at Derby on the 18th October, 1924, were accepted as printed in the Annual Report.

Reports.—The Report of the Executive Committee on the work of the Association during the year was submitted by Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O., and that of the Benevolent Committee by Major M. McGuire, O.B.E.

Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O., Commanding the Depot, also submitted Reports on the Regimental Memorial at Crich, and the Regimental Cottage Homes, Mickleover, and a statement of accounts of the latter.

Accounts.—The Hon. Secretary read a statement of the several accounts made up to the 10th October, 1925. These showed balance cash credits of the General Fund, £147 1s. 9d.; Benevolent Fund, £171 18s. 6d.; and Wylly Guest Fund, £11 2s. 9d.

The Reports and Statement of Accounts were accepted.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Executive Committee.—Capt. M. C. Billson and Messrs. A. R. Gunn and R. Holmes were re-elected.

Mr. R. Gray was elected as a member of the Executive Committee vice Mr. A. F. Sturges, resigned.

District Representatives.—All were re-elected except O.R.Q.M.Sergt. T. P. Thompson, resigned, and Mr. J. Seaton was elected to replace him as a representative for Derby.

Mr. J. I. Woolley and Mr. C. R. Mason were also elected as representatives for Crich and district.

Benevolent Committee.—The Chairman, Major M. McGuire, O.B.E., and the present members, Capt. E. A. Pollard and Messrs. B. Skerritt, J. C. Frow, J. W. Plaster, J. Tyers, and O.R.Q.M.Sergt. T. P. Thompson were again re-elected.

A proposal by Mr. A. Cokayne, D.C.M., seconded by Lieut. C. Johnson on behalf of the Derby Branch, that Mr. J. Bull should be elected a member of the Committee, was not carried.

Auditors.—Mr. A. Hallam having resigned, Capt. A. Troops, M.B.E., was elected to succeed him as an auditor.

Capt. A. E. Pollard proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. A. Hallam for his services to the Association, this was supported by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

A proposal by Mr. A. Wall, seconded by Mr. C. Dove, Sutton-in-Ashfield: "That assistance should not be given to any person who is not a member of the Association," led to an interesting discussion, in which the reasons for and against the proposal were brought out very fully. Finally the proposal was defeated, and a second proposal by Mr. A Wall: "That before applying for help applicants must have been members of the Association for twelve months," was not proceeded with.

The third Saturday in October, 1926, was fixed for the next Annual Gathering at Derby.

Other Business.—The Chairman proposed and Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., seconded: "That a hearty vote of

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thanks be accorded to the Chairman and Members of the Committees, and the Hon. Secretary, as an expression of appreciation of the good work they had done for the Association during the year." Carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR

THE Executive Committee are pleased to report that the membership of the Association has increased by 323 since the last General Meeting on the 18th October, 1924, and the total is now 1890.

District Representatives and several Old Members have again done good work for the Association, by making known its existence and objects to men who have served in the Regiment, and obtaining new members.

Branches have been formed at Crich and Derby, with excellent results.

The question of the best way of affording help to Branches which have been formed, left over at the last General Meeting for the Executive Committee to deal with, has been settled by the payment from the General Fund of Expenses actually incurred by the several Branches, amounting to £15 5s. 7d., the detail of which will be found in the Statement of Accounts.

The second Annual Pilgrimage of the members of the Association to the Regimental Memorial at Crich, took place on 3rd August, 1925 (Bank Holiday). A short report of the ceremony will be printed in the Annual Report.

Under the rules of the " Wylly Guest Fund " fourteen Old Comrades were invited to the Annual Dinner.

The financial position of the Association has improved by the donation of £187 5s. from the Funds of the 9th Battalion to the Benevolent Fund, for which the thanks of the Association are due to Lt.-Col. A. E. Scothern, C.M.G., D.S.O. The nominal value of invested funds is now £6645 5s. 1d, the income being £219 7s.

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Ordinary subscriptions and generous donations to the Benevolent Fund are again coming in up to the average of previous years.

The Committee regret to report the death of Lt.-Col. H. J. Bowman and Major F. Tyler, both generous subscribers to the Benevolent Fund, and also several members during the year.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

From the 1st of January, 1925, to 30th September, 1925.

THE Benevolent Committee have met at Nottingham, under the chairmanship of Major M. McGuire, O.B.E., on six occasions since the 1st January, 1925.

One hundred and forty-one applications for help have, after investigation, been dealt with, and financial assistance has been given in one hundred and ten cases, including two a second time, amounting to £277 4s. A detail of these cases and any others that may be afforded assistance up to the 31st December, 1925, will be printed in the Annual Report.

Twenty-one applications had to be refused for the following reasons :—

Seven : Found on investigation not in actual need.

Four : The reports being unfavourable.

Five : Purely out-of-work cases.

Two : Medical certificates not being forthcoming in support of claims on account of illness.

One : Having already been assisted twice, was referred to another O.C.A., on which it was discovered he had a claim.

Two : Outside the scope of the Benevolent Fund.

The other applications were dealt with or disposed of as under :—

One : Issued with clothing.

One : Awaiting a guarantee of employment before railway fare is paid.

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Two : On being referred to another Association and Society were granted the necessary help required.

One : Referred to the Minister of Pensions, the application being for help towards convalescent treatment for a girl whose father was in receipt of a pension for her.

Three : Awaiting further reports.

Two : Cases were withdrawn.

The Committee administering the Funds of the 4th Battalion have repaid grants amounting to £33 made to men who served in that Battalion during the war, and similarly the Benevolent Committee of the 8th Battalion have repaid a grant of £2.

The applications of five men who had also served in other regiments, were referred to the Associations concerned, and grants were received amounting to £9 10s., additional to those made by our own Committee.

Another case of a widow who had been unsuccessful in her application to the Ministry of Pensions for an educational grant for her boy, was taken up by the Committee, and the result was a yearly grant of £12 and expenses for three years.

Four applications for Special Campaign Pensions have been submitted on behalf of Old Soldiers of the Regiment, and of these, one has been successful, two are still outstanding, and the other was already in receipt of a disability pension at a higher rate than that he was entitled to under the provisions of the Royal Warrant governing the award of Special Campaign Pensions.

The expenditure during the period covered by this report is greatly in excess of that for the same period last year, viz. £277 4s. and £173 7s. 4d. respectively, and has been found necessary owing to increasing distress from illness and unemployment amongst Old Comrades who were in need of help.

List of Cases Assisted	£	s.	d.
W.H.P.—Illness and unemployment grant for purchase of clothing	2	0	0
J.G.—Assisted on the way in search of work . .	0	5	0
J.M.—Unemployed and in poor circumstances. (Grant for purchase of clothing.) (£2 10s. repaid by 4th Battalion) . . .	5	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
W.F.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	2	0	0
J.R.— Ditto . .	2	0	0
W.J.W.— Ditto . .	3	0	0
J.B.—Illness of child and unemployed. (Grant for purchase of nourishing food) . .	1	0	0
J.W.A.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant) .	2	0	0
W.N.—Widow in poor circumstances. (Grant on decease of husband)	3	0	0
W.T.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant for purchase of stock for hawking) . . .	2	0	0
J.A.A.—In poor circumstances. Wife an invalid. (Grant for purchase of clothing) . .	2	0	0
F.A.P.—Illness and unemployment. (Funeral expenses of child paid and clothing redeemed from pawn)	6	10	0
W.R.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to purchase stock for hawking.) (Repaid by 4th Battalion)	2	0	0
H.B.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to purchase stock for hawking.) (Repaid by 4th Battalion)	2	0	0
J.T.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant for purchase of an incubator, etc., for use on small holding)	5	0	0
R.E.C.—Deceased, funeral expenses paid . .	8	0	0
G.R.C.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Funeral expenses of child paid) . .	2	5	6
G.C.—Illness and unable to work. Wife also ill and since deceased. (Grant.) (Repaid by 4th Battalion)	4	0	0
S.R.B.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	3	0	0
G.S.—Unemployed owing to an accident. (Grant)	3	0	0
L.F.—Unemployed. (Grant to purchase stock for hawking.) (Repaid by 4th Battalion) .	3	0	0
W.S.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant) . .	3	0	0
E.H.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	4	0	0
J.T.L.— Ditto . .	4	0	0
J.R.— Ditto . .	3	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
W.Y.—Unemployment and illness in family. (Grant)	4	0	0
E.M.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
S.S.— Ditto	0	2	6
T.W.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	5	0	0
E.A.—Unemployment. (Grant to redeem medals from pawn)	0	18	0
W.D.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	3	0	0
F.C.—Illness in family. (Grant)	2	5	0
A.L.H.—Widow. Illness and in poor circumstances. (Grant)	4	0	0
J.H.—Cripple as result of wounds. Unemployed and illness in family. (Grant)	5	0	0
A.C.—Grant towards removing railway carriage to small holding	5	0	0
W.B.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant for purchase of stock for hawking.) (Repaid by 4th Battalion)	4	0	0
J.H.G.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) (Repaid by 8th Battalion)	2	0	0
D.M.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	4	0	0
G.L.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant to pay arrears of rent)	5	0	0
T.W.C.—In poor circumstances. (Funeral expenses of wife paid)	6	0	0
A.J.M.—Temporary assistance given	0	5	0
S.S.—Illness of wife and unemployment. (Grant)	4	0	0
G.M.C.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant)	3	0	0
J.G.—Assisted on road in search of work	0	2	6
C.H.— Ditto	0	5	0
W.E.— Ditto	0	5	0
J.S.— Ditto	0	5	0
W.R.H.—Unemployed. (Expenses of moving to new house where he had work. Paid)	3	0	0
J.R.—Unemployed and in poor circumstances. (Grant for purchase of stock for hawking)	2	0	0
A.E.B.—Illness. (Grant towards expenses of three weeks' stay at Convalescent Home)	2	2	0
W.W.T.—Assisted on the road in search of work	0	5	0

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	£	s.	d.
J.E.H.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	4	0	0
J.W.—Unemployment. (Grant for purchase of clothing)	3	0	0
P.C.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant)	1	0	0
J.H.B.—Widow in poor circumstances. (Grant for purchase of clothing for children)	2	0	0
A.O.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	4	10	0
W.R.— Ditto	1	0	0
J.S.— Ditto (Repaid by 4th Battalion)	2	10	0
F.B.—Widow, illness and in poor circumstances. (Grant for purchase of clothing and boots)	2	0	0
A.G.—Unemployed. (Temporary assistance given)	0	5	0
P.M.— Ditto	0	5	0
J.R.—Assisted on the road in search of work	0	2	6
W.J.W.—Widow. In poor circumstances. (Grant on decease of husband)	3	0	0
W.W.—Illness. (Grant towards expenses of stay at Convalescent Home)	2	5	0
J.B.—Illness of wife. (Grant. (Repaid by 4th Battalion)	5	0	0
X.F.C.—Widow. In poor circumstances. (Grant on decease of husband. An Old Veteran)	6	0	0
X.J.L.—In poor circumstances. (Grant towards funeral expenses of wife and to pay arrears of rent)	4	0	0
W.W.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	3	0	0
E.C.—In poor circumstances owing to illness. (Grant to pay arrears of rent)	3	0	0
W.W.T.—Unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent)	1	10	0
A.W.W.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	1	0	0
W.M.—Railway fare to Grimsby where he had work. (Paid)	0	10	0
H.B.—Unemployed. (Grant to purchase stock for hawking)	1	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
W.B.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant) .	4	0	0
G.E.B.—An epileptic. Unable to obtain work. (Grant for purchase of stock for sale in shop)	2	0	0
W.J.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	3	0	0
W.S. — Ditto . .	3	0	0
H.H.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	2	0	0
A.F.—Unemployment. (Grant towards funeral expenses of child)	2	0	0
F.J.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	3	0	0
W.M.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	3	0	0
F.G.—Illness in family and in poor circumstances. (Grant)	2	0	0
H.T.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	2	0	0
E.H.S.—Widow. (Grant towards expenses of sending child to Convalescent Home . .	2	10	0
G.H.S.—Widow in poor circumstances. (Grant towards funeral expenses of husband) .	4	17	6
W.J.—Unemployment. (Grant for purchase of stock for hawking)	0	10	0
T.J.G.—Illness. (Grant for nourishing food) . .	2	0	0
R.P.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	2	0	0
R.H.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant towards expenses of three weeks' stay at a Convalescent Home)	3	0	0
H.J.—Deceased. (Funeral expenses paid) . .	8	0	0
G.H.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	3	0	0
X.J.H.—Illness owing to an accident. (Grant) .	3	0	0
M.S.—Daughter of an old officer of the Regiment. Illness and in poor circumstances. (Grant)	3	0	0
T.W.W.—Illness and in poor circumstances. (Grant)	2	0	0
A.G.S.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) .	2	0	0
H.H.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of board and lodgings) . .	3	18	0
C.D.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	3	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
J.C.—Illness in family. (Funeral expenses of child paid)	2	0	0
E.D.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	2	0	0
C.K.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	3	0	0
R.H.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	2	6
W.W.—Temporary assistance given	0	2	6
W.M.—Unemployed. (Temporary assistance granted pending starting in business)	0	10	0
E.B.—In poor circumstances. (Grant)	1	0	0
F.G.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	3	0	0
G.A.C.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to buy boots for boy and to pay arrears of rent)	2	0	0
W.D.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	2	6
P.K.—Illness of wife and unemployment. (Grant to redeem bedding from pawn)	0	13	0
Total	£277	4	0

CRICH MEMORIAL

THE Executive Committee do not consider that they are in a position yet to hand over the Memorial to the Old Comrades' Association, and that it would be better to wait until all buildings have been completed, all bills settled, and a Reserve Fund formed.

An estimate of £849 9s. 8d., by Mr. Payne of Crich, for building the caretaker's cottage was accepted, and the work put in hand at once. The cottage is now completed except for the laying on of the water, and the caretaker has been permitted to move in. The engine shed and the outbuildings are in course of erection.

The receipts for entrance fees to the Tower for the period 1st October. 1924, to 30th September, 1925, amounted to £89 4s., which means that a total of 7136 persons paid for admission.

The total Working Expenses for the same period amount to £89 3s. 7d., showing a credit on the year of 5d.

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The actual credit of the Working Account to the end of September, 1925, is £111 4s. 10d., and there is a stock on hand of post cards, folding maps, and short regimental histories to the value of £95 10s. 6d.

REPORT ON REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES

THE credit of the Fund again shows a fall this year as in previous years, and it is feared will continue to do so.

The fall this year is partly due to increased rates and increased price of coal.

Very little has had to be done to the houses this year, but the woodwork under the gables and the surrounding fences have been treated with preservative at a cost of £1 10s., the actual work having been done by Mr. A. Hallam, to whom the thanks of the Association are due.

A Statement of Accounts is attached.

Statement of Accounts, 1st January, 1925, to 30th September, 1925 :—

Receipts :—	£	s.	d.
Balance Cr. Brought Forward	104	18	2
Grants from Battalions	25	0	0
Interest on Investments	25	14	6
Income Tax Refund, 1922–23, 1923–24	12	14	10
Bank Interest	0	14	3
Total	£169	1	9

Expenditure :—	£	s.	d.
Grants to Occupants	27	12	0
Coal	19	16	0
Rates	17	13	8
Insurance	1	1	3
Upkeep of Houses	0	5	6
Balance Cr.	102	13	4
Total	£169	1	9

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL AT CRICH

THE second Annual Pilgrimage of the members of the Association, to the Regimental Memorial at Crich, took place on the 3rd August, 1925 (Bank Holiday), the anniversary of the opening of the Tower by the Colonel of the Regiment.

The weather was not favourable, but a congregation of about 1000 assembled, including some 200 Old Comrades from Derby, Bulwell, Mansfield, Ripley, Chesterfield, Nottingham, and the Crich District.

Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., Commanding the Depot, opened the proceedings by making a short speech, explaining the object of the Pilgrimage.

The ceremony was exactly the same as last year, and the service was conducted by the Rev. S. M. Wheeler, Hon. C.F., Rector of Bulwell.

Wreaths from all Battalions, the Depot, the O.C.A. and Branches were laid at the foot of the Memorial by representatives at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Sergt. R. Gray, the oldest Sherwood Forester present, was given priority in laying the wreath of the Association.

The thanks of the Association are due to the President, Bandmaster, and members of the Crich United Silver Band, who again very kindly provided the music for the ceremony.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER

THE Annual Dinner was held in the Arboretum Rooms, Nottingham, on the 17th October, 1925, 339 Old Comrades being present.

Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment and President of the Association, again presided, and was supported by Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., Cols. G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., T.D., A.D.C., E. Hall, D.S.O., T.D., B. A. Smith, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., H. C. Wylly, C.B., Lt.-Cols. F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D. (Comdg. 6th Battn.), T. H. M. Green, D.S.O.,

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R. H. Keller, D.S.O., O.B.E., N. Gervis Pearson, D.S.O., M.C., F. Rayner, D.S.O., T.D., W. R. Rook, O.B.E., T.D. (Comdg 7th Battn.), R. P. Sadler, F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C., A. B. Wayte, D.S.O., K. C. Weldon, D.S.O. (Comdg. 1st Battn.), Majors P. F. R. Anley, H. Bradwell, T.D., the Rev. J. P. Hales, D.S.O., H. B. T. Hume, M.B.E., M. McGuire, O.B.E., Capts. B. G. Allen, M. C. Billson, L. C. Brewill, M. H. Cooper, G. M. Gamble, L. Jacques, M.C., R. O. Nevitt, E. A. Pollard, E. Skinner, A. Troops, M.B.E., S. G. Walker, J. P. Wylie, D.S.O. ; Lieuts. L. Benford, K. A. Blake, A. A. Dean, C. V. L. Hutchings, M.C., C. Johnson, C. H. A. Sturge, P. N. White, C. R. T. Wilmot, C. B. Venn, and 2nd Lieut. J. P. B. Sadler.

After the loyal toast, the General, in proposing that of "The Old Comrades' Association," explained that the gathering was not an occasion for making speeches, but for Old Comrades to meet and talk over old times.

First of all he read a telegram from the 2nd Battalion, "Hearty Greetings to Old Comrades who will no doubt be glad to hear that the Battalion has just won the Durand Football Cup at Simla."

This, said the General, was regarded as the Plum of Indian football, and when he was in India was open to competition amongst civilians as well as soldiers. The Sherwood Foresters had always been noted for their football, and it was delightful to hear that they were keeping it up. He proposed, with their approval, to send the Battalion a telegram congratulating them on their success, from the Old Comrades present.

Then followed telegrams from All Ranks, 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters, "Best wishes and a pleasant evening." Members Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion, "Our thoughts are with you this evening, kindest regards to all Old Comrades." Lt.-Gen. The Rt. Hon. Sir F. C. Shaw, P.C., K.C.B., "Much regret not well enough to attend Dinner to-night." Sir Frederick, explained the General, joined the Regiment as a subaltern at Gibraltar in 1882. A joint telegram from Lt.-Cols. H. M. Milward, D.S.O., and H. F. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., who are in Egypt, "Good Luck to all Old Comrades," and one from 8th Battalion, "Regret we are not with you to-night, hope you will have a successful evening." Messages

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had not been sent by the other Battalions, because they were all represented at the Dinner.

The General expressed his pleasure at the presence of so many Territorial Officers and Men. "The Territorials had proved themselves equal to the Regular Battalions during the War, and we are now all Old Comrades together."

He then read the following letter from Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, T.D., Commanding the 8th Battalion :—

"DEAR SIR HORACE,

"During the War a Fund was collected by this Battalion, with the object of assisting those of its Members who might be in need when the War was over. As, however, the O.C.A. has made Grants to some of our old members, and with a view to the Fund being properly administered, the Committee of this Battalion have great pleasure in asking you to accept the enclosed cheque for £200 on behalf of the O.C.A. Benevolent Fund."

He also read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Committee of the Robin Hood's Re-union Dinner Fund, conveying the information that, at a meeting held on the 4th September, 1925, a resolution was passed pledging the Committee to further the interests and activities of the Old Comrades' Association.

Referring to the Business Meeting held during the afternoon, the General remarked that it had been very successful. Invested funds now amounted to over £6000 (nominal), and the income was £219. Grants amounting to £277 have been made from the Benevolent Fund during the year.

The General announced that he had just received the news that the last pensioner of the old 95th Regiment, Pensioner T. Wright, who joined in 1857 and served twenty-one years, had passed away at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and was to be buried on the 20th inst. The O.C.A. had arranged to send a wreath.

The reports of both Regular Battalions were excellent. The 1st Battalion under the present Colonel had come out very high in musketry, and the 2nd Battalion in India was maintaining its high reputation.

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In conclusion, the General said that he had had the pleasure of spending a few days in camp this year with the Sherwood Foresters Territorial Brigade, and saw that they were maintaining a high standard of efficiency. Only the previous day, Gen. Sir Charles Harington, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, had told him that he was proud of the Brigade and that there was not a better in the whole area.

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Obituary

THE late Lt.-Col. H. J. Bowman of our Regiment had been in very bad health for the last two years, ill-health borne with great bravery and patience, but none the less it was a very great shock to all his old comrades to read that he had passed away at the home he loved so well—the Manor House, Aylsham, Norfolk, on the 22nd June. The body was brought to London for cremation on the 26th, the attendant service, which was quite private, being confined mainly to members of the family; but one of his old comrades was there to pay the last tribute to a greatly-loved officer of the Regiment, and the ashes were then taken back to Aylsham for interment. Wreaths were sent by the 1st Battalion, by General Sir H. Smith-Dorrien, the Colonel of the Regiment, and by Colonel Wylly, and the sympathy of all ranks goes out to those whom "Jimmy" Bowman left behind him.

Lt.-Col. Bowman was educated at Radley, and entered the regular Army from the 3rd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, being posted to the Sherwood Foresters, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, in the rank of lieutenant, on the 28th January, 1882, and joining the 2nd Battalion at Gibraltar in company with six other newly-gazetted officers, Lieuts. Shaw, Swinton, Stopford, Temple, Montague, and Iggulden, the seven being dubbed by Colonel Crealock, quite unjustifiably of course, "the Seven Plagues!" The whole of Colonel Bowman's regimental service was passed in the 2nd Battalion, and with it he saw service in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882, the Sikkim Expedition of 1888 and in the Tirah Campaign of 1897–8, where he was severely wounded. He was promoted captain on the 1st January, 1890, and on the 1st November of that year was appointed to the adjutancy

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of the 4th Bn. The Scottish Rifles. Promoted major on the 23rd February, 1901, he became Recruiting Staff Officer in Manchester on the 2nd June, 1902, and retired from the Service on the 7th December, 1904.

When the Great War broke out ten years later he was recalled to the Army from the Reserve of Officers and did duty as commandant of a Prisoners of War Camp, being accorded the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

During the last few years failing health had kept him away from the ceremonies and festivals at which we foregather, and his absence was always regretted. It will be long before his old comrades forget so good a fellow and so splendid a friend as Jimmy Bowman.

We very much regret to announce the death in London on the 18th September, 1925, of Major Frederick Edward Verney Taylor, late of our Regiment. The youngest son of the late P. G. Taylor, Indian Civil Service, he passed into the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, early in 1876, being, as was then the regulation, gazetted sub-lieutenant, unattached, under date of the 17th May of that year, and, on passing out, was appointed to the 95th Regiment, which he joined at Cork, and with this Battalion practically the whole of his regimental service was passed. He served with the 2nd Battalion at Cork, Dublin, Athlone, and the Curragh and at Aldershot, proceeded to Gibraltar with it in December, 1881, and accompanied it to Egypt in the autumn of the year following, and so on to India.

He was promoted captain in July, 1883, and in March, 1888, was appointed adjutant of our 5th Militia Battalion, but was back again in India in time to take part with the 2nd Battalion in the Tirah Expedition of 1897–8. He served with the Battalion at Aden and came home with it in 1899, being one of a small group of two officers and three other ranks who had left England with the Battalion in 1881 and sailed from India with it in 1899. A photograph of this " Remnant of an Army " was published in the now defunct Battalion monthly, *I'm Ninety-Five.*

From October, 1900, to January, 1901, Major Taylor served at the Depot, and from February, 1901, to October of

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that year with the 1st Provisional Battalion at Shorncliffe, retiring finally from the Army in May, 1903.

Major Taylor was in his soldiering days full of good cheer and a most genial companion; at Sandhurst he played for the College Rugby Football Team, and in the 2nd Battalion Cricket Eleven he was a very useful bowler, though his delivery occasionally caused unduly censorious umpires to "no-ball" him.

He was a man of great muscular development, and in anteroom "rags," when other regiments dining with us produced their champions, Taylor was usually brought forward to overcome them—and seldom failed his supporters.

His health during the last year had not been good, but the end came somewhat unexpectedly.

The number of those who served in the Regiment in the "Roaring 'Eighties" is yearly growing smaller and some of the best have already joined the majority; another very good fellow and staunch comrade has been taken from us in Major Taylor, and all ranks of his old friends will, we are sure, extend a very sincere and whole-hearted sympathy to his widow and daughters.

To the great regret of his comrades of all ranks Major R. B. Young died early on the morning of the 19th March, 1925, at the Cambridge Hospital, of cancer, aged 40, after an illness of some months, borne with remarkable courage and patience.

Major Young was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Young of Thornbury, Liss, and was educated at Reading School and at New College, Oxford, obtaining his commission in our Regiment on the 4th May, 1907, and joining the 2nd Battalion. On the 22nd July, 1911, he was seconded for service with the King's African Rifles, but had completed his term of service with that corps shortly before the outbreak of the war, and was under orders to join the 1st Battalion when the war opened. On the arrival of the 1st Battalion in England, Young joined it and went to France with it as a subaltern in D Company. He was severely wounded in the right arm at Aubers Ridge, or Rouges Bancs as the action is called in the *Regimental History*, and was subsequently employed on

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the staff. He was promoted captain on the 13th March, 1915, and was given a brevet majority on the 3rd June, 1919. On the conclusion of the war Major Young proceeded to China and was employed as a staff captain at Hongkong. In June, 1924, he rejoined the 1st Battalion and was, we understand, to have succeeded Captain Tower as adjutant when seized with the terrible illness from which he died.

One of his comrades writes: "We all felt his loss very deeply; he had a most genial and charming personality, and took a very short time to make himself universally popular among officers and men."

He leaves a widow and three boys, to whom the sympathy of all of us of the Regiment goes out in fullest measure.

Death has this year taken many old comrades from our midst, and of these Major Tyler died at Mill Hill House, Derby, on the 14th March, 1925. This officer enlisted in our Regiment on the 22nd July, 1878, and was commissioned as quartermaster in our 1st Battalion, in which all his regimental service was spent, on the 4th August, 1897, after a total service in the ranks of 19 years and 16 days, serving with the Battalion as quartermaster in Malta, South Africa and China. His latter period of active service was as quartermaster of the Depot and 3rd Battalion. Retiring on the 16th July, 1914, he rejoined immediately on the outbreak of the Great War and was employed continuously at the Depot until the 3rd January, 1920, performing most arduous and valuable service during the whole of that time, never sparing himself and always setting first and foremost the interests of the Regiment. The Sherwood Foresters have always been singularly fortunate in their quartermasters, and those who served with Major Tyler, whether in peace or war, will regret his loss and feel that they have parted from a good friend and a comrade of the best type that even our Regiment can and does produce.

"One of the eight remaining Indian Mutiny veterans in the Chelsea Pensioners' Hospital, a Derby man, who enlisted as far back as October 16th, 1857, was buried yesterday afternoon (20.10.25) at Brookwood Cemetery.

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"He was Corpl. Thomas Wright, and he belonged to the old 45th and 95th Foot, now the Notts and Derby Regiment. Eighty-six years old, he had spent twenty-one years in the Army, most of which time was passed in India. He fought in the Indian Mutiny and gained the medal with the Central Indian clasp, while he was also awarded the long-service and good conduct medal.

"Corpl. Wright had been blind for many years, and during his twelve years at the Royal Hospital he won a wide circle of friends from the staff down to the fatigue men. At the hospital his loss was sincerely mourned.

"He was buried with the honours given to all pensioners. With the chief mourners, Mr. Fred Harvey and Mr. H. Butler (nephews), of Derby, were two of his bosom comrades at Chelsea."

From *The Times* of the 22nd December, 1925 :—"On the 18th December, in hospital at Rawal Pindi, of pneumonia, Oliver, Major 19th Hyderabad Regiment, dearly loved eldest son of the late Colonel O. H. B. St. John and Mrs. St. John, 77 Eccleston Square, S.W."

This officer was originally one of "Ours," having been gazetted second-lieutenant in the Regiment on the 8th February, 1902, from lieutenant in the 7th Battalion Royal Fusiliers *vice* G. E. Mills, killed in action, and, joining the 2nd Battalion, he was admitted to the Indian Army on the 30th June, 1905, became captain on the 29th June, 1910, and major on the 29th June, 1916. He had seen service in South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry (wounded), in 1915 in Mohmand and Swat, in 1916 in Persia and the Persian Gulf, in 1917–18 in the Aden Peninsula, and in 1920 in Waziristan. His father, Colonel O. H. B. St. John, was a former officer of our Regiment, joining the 95th Regiment in India in September, 1865, and serving with it until January, 1883, when he transferred, as a captain, to the Army Pay Department.

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THE CORPS!

SUGGESTED AS A TOAST FOR AN OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION DINNER

"THE Corps! Bareheaded, salute it, with eyes up,
thanking our God,
That we of the Corps are treading where they of the Corps
have trod.
They are here, in ghostly assemblage, the men of the Corps,
long dead,
And our hearts they stand at attention as we wait for their
passing tread.

"We, sons of the Corps, we salute you, the sons of its earlier
day,
We follow, close-order, behind you, where you have pointed
the way,
The Thin Red Line of us stretches through years—near
two centuries old,
And the last recruit feels to his marrow the grip of your
far-off hold.

"Grip hands with us now, though we see not; grip hands
with us, strengthen our hearts.
As the long line stiffens and straightens to the thrill that
your presence imparts,
Grip hands—tho' it be from the Shadows—while we swear,
as they did of yore—
Or living, or dying, to honour—the Corps—and the Corps—
and the Corps!"

Adapted from a poem in a book on West Point Military Academy.

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